

BIG 12 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Aggieland

RATED

Making
it look
EZ

Uzoma Nwachukwu
(EZ) leads a talented
freshmen class into
conference play

ALSO INSIDE:

Jordan Pugh, Aggie Volleyball, Bri Young,
Aggie Soccer, Michael Shumard, Kelsey
Black, Geoff Hangartner and More...



0 74470 22517 1

OCTOBER 2009 • \$3.95



OPERATION★ SPIRIT AND MIND™

His spirit will lend courage to his men.
His mind will craft a stunning victory.
Corps values will guide this hero's heart.

Corps Leadership Scholarships via Operation Spirit and Mind.™

The Texas A&M Scholarship Initiative.

In a changing and dangerous world, no value too great can be placed on heroes. But today's heroes need more than grit; they need knowledge.

You can fund Leadership Scholarships via *Operation Spirit and Mind* to support our promising young leaders. And when the Keepers of the Spirit become the guardians of our freedom, you will be the hero.

Operation Spirit and Mind is in motion. Be part of its success. Your generous spirit will produce formidable Aggie leaders for our country and the world.

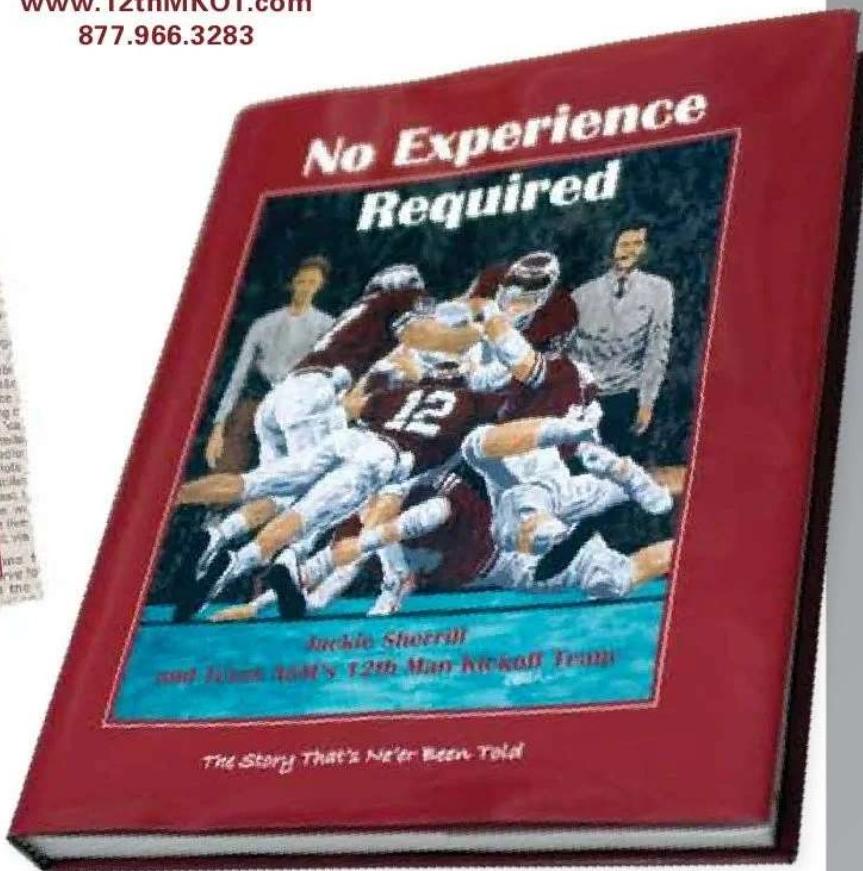
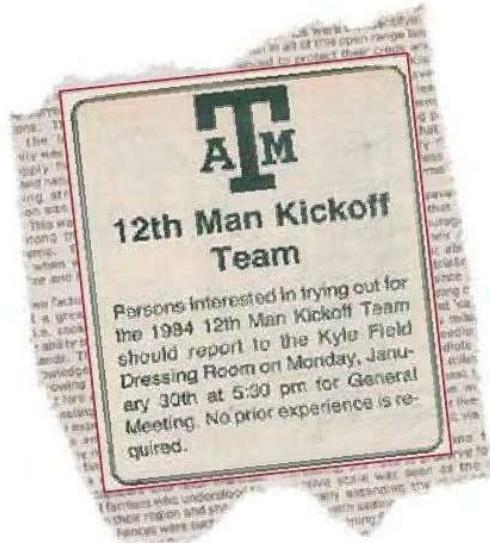
Call the Texas A&M Foundation at (800) 392-3310 or give online at giving.tamu.edu



12TH MKOT FOUNDATION

www.12thMKOT.com

877.966.3283



ONLY
\$34⁹⁵

Own a part of Texas A&M history! The former 12th Man Kickoff Team players have created a book, **No Experience Required**, depicting their trials and tribulations.

It is no ordinary football story. It is an inspirational story that can provide that 'feel good' sensation to anyone who reads it.

Read the book and motivate yourself to have a life bigger and better than anything you've ever contemplated. Why? Because with true heart and determination, you can achieve even your wildest dreams. Just as the 12th Man Kickoff Team players did at Texas A&M University.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Be one of the first to subscribe to the 12thMKOT® Foundation! Join the elite group of men that have the honor of calling themselves Texas A&M 12th Men! For a \$112 subscription, you will receive a *No Experience Required* book personalized by Coach Jackie Sherrill, a "Bring back the Bling" T-shirt, a 12thMKOT® window decal and the 12thMKOT® newsletter. Proceeds fund the 12thMKOT® Scholarship for Aggie students. Email tweleventhmkot@yahoo.com to subscribe today!

All book proceeds are used for scholarships for students in need at Texas A&M.

*The 12th Man Kickoff Team continues to give its all to the University
that believed not only in their spirit but in their dream.*

LIMITED EDITION LEATHER BOUND DELUXE COLLECTOR'S EDITION
HAND SIGNED BY COACH SHERRILL – \$149.95



DEDICATED SUMMER 2009

AGGIE FIELD OF HONOR

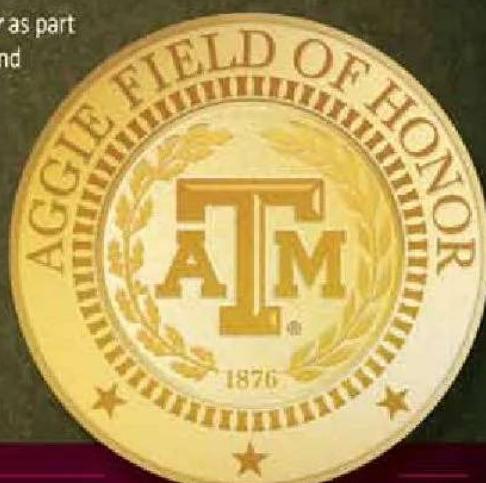
A place to continue the time honored traditions you love and respect.

The City of College Station is pleased to announce the *Aggie Field of Honor* as part of the new **Memorial Cemetery of College Station**, located at 3800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway (northwest corner of FM 60 and FM 2818).

For space information and pricing, contact Ross Albrecht (Class of '84)

979.764.3410 or fieldofhonor.cstx.gov

Memorial Cemetery OF COLLEGE STATION



CONTACT INFORMATION: College Station Parks and Recreation Department • Ross Albrecht • P.O. Box 9960 • College Station, TX 77842-9960 • fieldofhonor.cstx.gov
The term "Aggie" and the "ATM" and "Muster" trademarks, which are trademarks of Texas A&M University, are used in pursuant to a license agreement with the university.



contents

OCTOBER 09

23 Non-Conference Football Rewind

A look back and Q&As with seniors Michael Shumard and Jordan Pugh.

BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

31 Q&A with Kelsey Black

Nine questions for the sophomore volleyball libero.

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

28 Big 12 Football Preview

A glance at the other teams in the conference and our predictions for the Ags.

BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04

30 Q&A with Bri Young

Ten questions for the Aggies' sophomore soccer sensation.

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

32 Where Are They Now?

Catching up with former A&M lineman Geoff Hangartner.

BY STEVE HUNT



FIND THE 01

On the Cover: Freshman WR Uzoma Nwachukwu (EZ) runs for his first of four touchdowns against Utah State. Photo by Jason McConnell '01.

in every issue

6	Publisher's Note	35	Exclusively Aggieland
8	Snapshot	35	BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04
15	Maroon & White Recruiting: Nate Askew	37	The 12th Man
	BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04	38	The 12th Man: Faces of Aggieland
16	Scoreboard: Volleyball	41	BY JASON MCCONNELL '01
19	Scoreboard: Soccer	41	Aggie Owned & Operated
20	Scoreboard: October Calendar	42	BY KATIE MCCONNELL '09
			Old Army

Do you recognize the above photo from campus? Send an e-mail to photo@aggiemag.com and let us know where it was taken. Be the first to get it right and we'll send you a free copy of the book *Standing for America: The Spirit of Kyle Field*. Look for the answer in the next issue of *AI*. The photo in the September 09 issue was of the light fixtures in the MSC Flag Room – the last look at them until at least 2012.

GET TO THE GRID!

Ride the FREE game day shuttle from Post Oak Mall.

Shuttles run 3 hours prior to kickoff and 1 hour after each home game.

Visit transport.tamu.edu for more information.



Introducing AI Online!

Attention Subscribers: If you want to have access to view AI online in addition to the print version, send us an email to online@aggiemag.com and we will send you a link to each issue as soon as we send it to the press. If you are not a subscriber, but would like to receive the online version, go to www.aggielandillustrated.com and sign up for an Online Subscription today!



Howdy!

The buzz is back in Aggieland.

It began with the soccer team's impressive victories over two top ten opponents at home (see more soccer on page 19). The volleyball team followed up with a signature upset victory over perennial powerhouse Nebraska in Reed Arena (see more volleyball on page 16). However, with all the excitement those programs have generated, it's the football team's early success that has the town buzzing once more.

The Ags were expected to beat all of their opponents in September, so that part wasn't much of a surprise. It's the way in which they performed in the first three games that has Aggieland full of optimism. Although it remains to be seen if the team can have the same level of success against tougher competition, one thing is evident – Coach Sherman has given fans plenty of reasons to believe the program is finally back on the right track.

The 12th Man is hungry for a successful program that they can be proud of and rightfully so. Over the past ten years, positive moments have been few and far between in Aggie football. But it's hard not to get excited about the guys on this year's team. From veterans Jerrod Johnson and Von Miller to newcomers Uzoma Nwachukwu (E.Z.) and Christine Michael, this group just seems special and I can't wait to see where they take us (see more football on page 23).

Indeed the buzz is back, and hopefully it's here to stay.

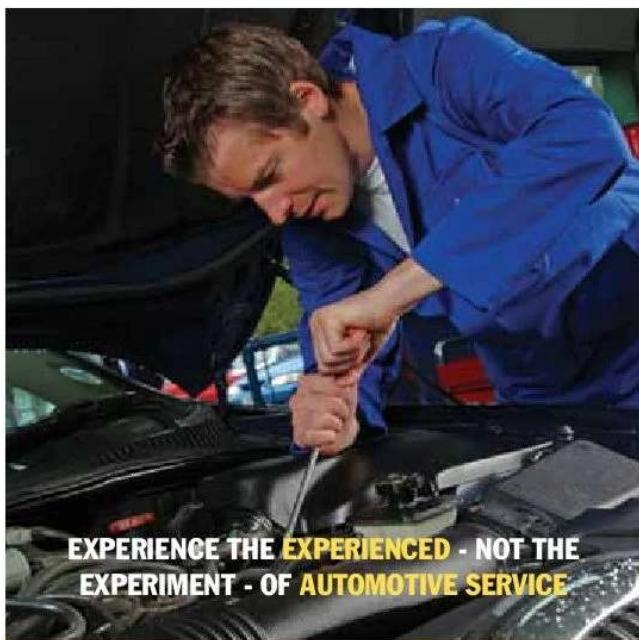
Gig'em Ags!

 '01

Subscribe Now for Only \$18 OR BUY ONE, GET ONE HALF PRICE!

Three ways to subscribe:

1. On the Web: www.aggielandillustrated.com
2. By phone: Call us at 1-866-55-AG-MAG (1-866-552-4624)
3. By mail: Send your subscription and payment information (check or credit card) to:
Aggieland Illustrated
PO Box 6841
Bryan, TX 77805-6841



EXPERIENCE THE EXPERIENCED - NOT THE EXPERIMENT - OF AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Open 8-6 Mon. - Sat. • ask about our 1 year/12,000 mile labor warranty

CarDoc

979-693-8575

204-A Harvey Rd. • College Station

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED



Aggieland ILLUSTRATED

EDITORIAL

Brian Davis '01
Publisher/Editor
brian@aggiemag.com

Jeremy Ksionda '04 Jason McConnell '01
Managing Editor Associate Editor/Photo Editor
jeremy@aggiemag.com jason@aggiemag.com

ADVERTISING

Rob Havens '88 Gary Tomlinson '92
Advertising Sales Manager Regional Sales Manager
(979) 229-8046 (979) 777-6820
rob@aggiemag.com gary@aggiemag.com

PRODUCTION/CIRCULATION

Kimberly Davis '01 Sunnye Davis
kim@aggiemag.com sunnye@aggiemag.com

COPY EDITORS

Shawn Kruse '02 Katie McConnell '09
bowlerfox@aggiemag.com katie@aggiemag.com

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Stacey Ksionda '05
stacey@aggiemag.com

EDITORIAL INTERN

Meredith Morrow '10
meredith@aggiemag.com

CONTRIBUTORS

Steve Hunt
steve@aggiemag.com

Gentry "Scoop" Woodard
scoop@aggiemag.com

Aggieland Illustrated is an independently owned, Aggie owned and operated publication and in no way reflects the views or opinions of Texas A&M University.

Aggieland Illustrated (ISSN 1932-9105) is published eight times a year in the United States by Aggieland Illustrated, PO Box 6841, Bryan, TX 77805-6841. Reproduction or use of editorial or graphics content in any manner without permission is prohibited. Photographs and manuscripts for publication are welcome, but will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Address all subscription inquiries and change of address requests to Aggieland Illustrated, PO Box 6841, Bryan, TX 77805-6841. Allow up to eight weeks for response.

©2006-2009 AGGIELAND ILLUSTRATED
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Volume 4, Number 2

979-229-8046 or 1-866-55-AG-MAG
www.aggielandillustrated.com



TEXAN Chiropractic

We Put the Swagger Back in Texans



Specializing in athletes of all ages.
Low force "activator technique."
We take the fear out of chiropractic.

DANIEL BETTIOL, DC • SHEILA BETTIOL, LMT
2151 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy Suite 112 • College Station
979-764-3100 • texanchiropractic@verizon.net

The Difference is Maroon & White



**Capture the spirit
of Aggieland at the
Courtyard by Marriott
in College Station.**

The Courtyard offers great amenities such as free high-speed internet; a full hot buffet breakfast at the Courtyard Cafe; dinner delivery service; and a lounge bar in the evening just to name a few.

Whether you're in town for business or just to cheer on the team, the Courtyard is the place to stay.

3939 HWY 6 SOUTH • COLLEGE STATION • 979-695-8111
www.courtyard.com/cllcy

We deliver... lower cost, quality products & personal service.



ELLIOTT ELECTRIC SUPPLY

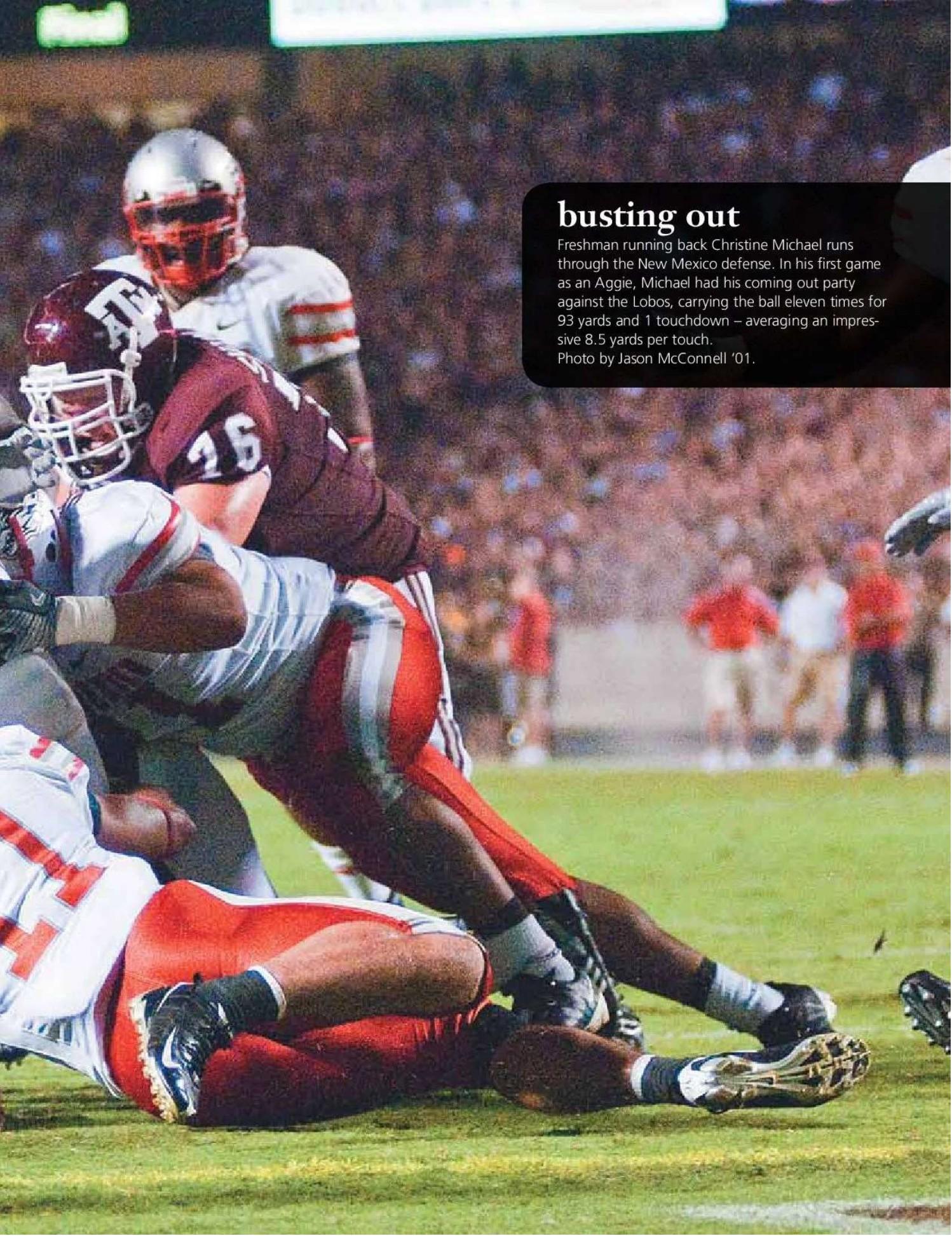
2501 Cavitt in Bryan ~ (979) 779-6630
Mon. - Fri. 7 am - 5:30 pm ~ Sat. 8 am - 12 noon
www.elliottelectric.com

NCAA SCORES

TOP 25

snapshot





busting out

Freshman running back Christine Michael runs through the New Mexico defense. In his first game as an Aggie, Michael had his coming out party against the Lobos, carrying the ball eleven times for 93 yards and 1 touchdown – averaging an impressive 8.5 yards per touch.

Photo by Jason McConnell '01.

snapshot

head shot

The Aggie defense converges on UAB running back Justin Brooks, knocking his helmet off in the process. Led by NCAA sack leader Von Miller, the A&M defense corralled the Blazers offense for a 56-19 route in the last of a three game season opening home stand.

Photo by Jason McConnell '01.





snapshot





creamed corn

The Aggie volleyball team jumps for joy after scoring the final point to upset the 6th ranked Cornhuskers, 3-1, in a match that was nationally televised on ESPN. The signature win marked the first time A&M has defeated a No. 6-ranked team or higher since Dec. 7, 2001 – the last time A&M reached the Elite Eight. Photo by Brian Davis '01.

YOU'RE INVITED...

1ST ANNUAL COACH JACKIE SHERRILL & THE 12TH MAN KICKOFF TEAM t.u. TAILGATE



GAMEDAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

3PM-7PM @
THE FAN ZONE

COME MEET COACH SHERRILL
AND THE ORIGINAL
12TH MAN KICKOFF TEAM



GREAT FOOD PROVIDED BY:

ECCELL
GROUP

Boston's
THE GOURMET PIZZA
AGGIELAND
RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR

CORPORATE SPONSORS:

WR
WATERCREST
AT BRYAN

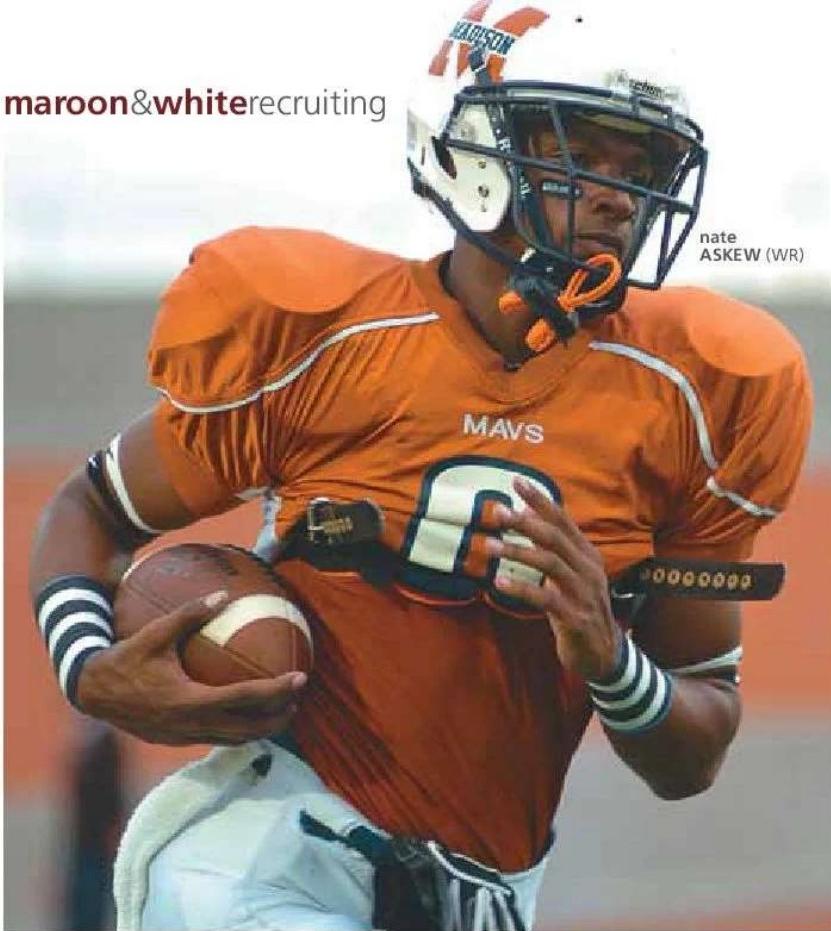
BRAZOS VALLEY
TRAVELGUIDE

Aggieland
ILLUSTRATED

TexAgs
.com

Miller Lite

SPECIAL VISIT
BY BENJAMIN KNOX



nate ASKEW (WR)

"What caught my eye was that A&M has a pro style offense, a former NFL head coach and an offensive coordinator from the NFL."

remember the alamo

BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04

San Antonio typically isn't known for its football powerhouses. On occasion, a Smithson Valley or Converse Judson squad will emerge to challenge some of the state's top 5A programs such as Katy, Cedar Hill or Southlake Carroll, but usually to no avail. However, 2009 could be a year to remember for the Alamo city, thanks to an absolutely loaded San Antonio Madison football team.

The Mavericks feature no fewer than four elite prospects, including DB Tommie Saunders (verbally committed to Oklahoma State), LB Kris Catlin (Oklahoma State), WR Nate Askew (Texas A&M) and junior running back sensation Aaron Green (undecided). If Madison is able to finally break through the barrier and overcome some of the state's top programs, the aforementioned contingent of prospects will be leading the charge.

Though the Mavs tend to rely on their rushing attack to move the ball on offense, Askew is the primary weapon when they decide to air it out. As a junior, the future Aggie managed to compile 856 yards on just 51 receptions, hauling in 8 touchdowns along the way. Standing 6-4, weighing 200 lbs., boasting a sub-4.6 forty yard dash and blessed with the ability to leap through the ceiling, Askew is a true difference maker in every sense of the word. He is exactly the type of big wide receiver prospect that has become such a commodity in the collegiate and NFL ranks. In fact, Askew's NFL aspirations played a large role in his decision to commit to Texas A&M.

"What caught my eye was that A&M has a pro style offense, a former NFL head coach and an offensive coordinator from

the NFL," Askew said in an interview with the *Maroon & White Report* at TexAgs.com. "I'm ready to learn from them because I know they'll get me to the pros. I know Coach Sherman is going to work and try his best, so I'm going to work together with him to have success at Texas A&M and beyond."

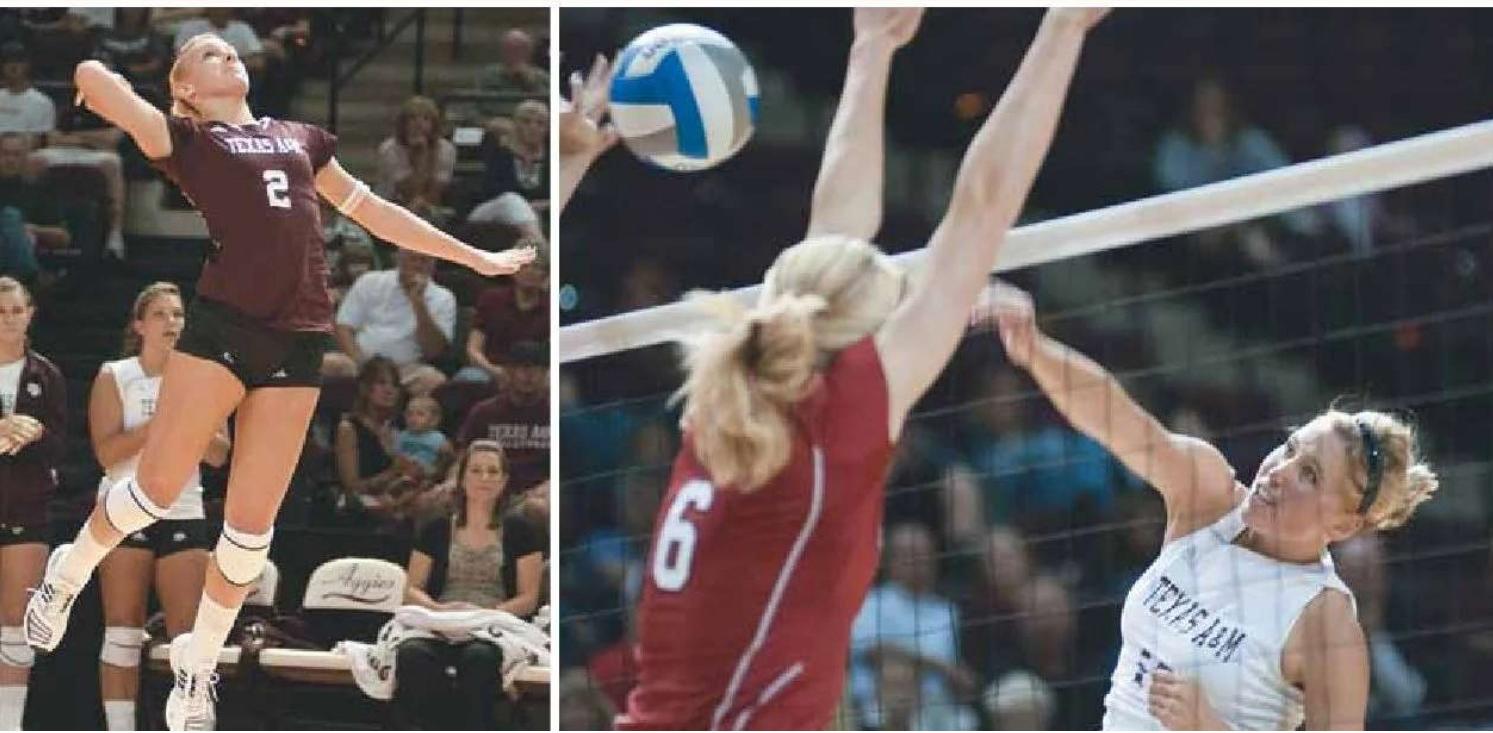
While the defensive duo of Catlin and Saunders are currently committed to Oklahoma State, both players have taken trips to Aggieland in hopes of picking up an A&M offer. The Aggies' current linebacker commits (Skyline's Corey Nelson and Dominique Patterson) each project to play on the outside, while Catlin mans the middle and has a nice combination of size, speed and instincts. Though it's difficult to project Saunders' position at the next level, there's no denying his nose for the football and his ability to punish ball carriers at the point of attack. The odds favor both players remaining firm in their pledges to the Cowboys, but it's worth keeping an eye on these two should the Ags decide to eventually make a move on either of them.

Next year, A&M will attempt to reel in Green, but will have to overcome the "who's who" of college football to earn his signature. Being good friends with Askew won't hurt, as the stud wideout plans to bring Green to Kyle Field with him at least once this season to take in an Aggie football game. But with an older brother playing at Nebraska and Mack Brown just 60 minutes down the road, A&M will have to put its best foot forward in order to land Green.

For now, the Ags are happy to have their foot in the door and can't wait to see what Askew can do in maroon and white. ■



Going into this season, the Aggie volleyball team knew that they had to do whatever it would take to put an end to their NCAA Tournament drought. Their records the past few seasons were good enough to earn an invitation, but they could never claim a signature win over a top program to seal the deal. However, only two games into conference play, the Aggies came out and snagged a signature win over perennial power Nebraska. While there is still a lot of volleyball left to be played before the selection committee convenes, the chances of a postseason invite to A&M definitely got a shot in the arm.





MEETING THE DENTAL NEEDS OF TEXAS AGGIES

~ A Conservative Dental Practice ~

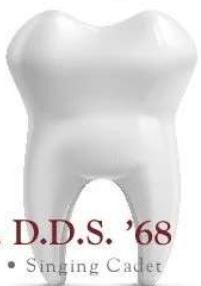
(979) 846-2098

JDM
DDS

J. Donald McLeroy, D.D.S. '68

Yell Leader • Ross Volunteer • Singing Cadet

4343 Carter Creek Parkway, Suite 105 in Bryan



HANDCRAFTED CUSTOM BUILT RODS FOR THE DISCRIMINATING FISHERMAN

The ultimate gift for all occasions.

Coordinate colors to match the deserving fisherman's boat or favorite school and personalize with his or her name. Commemorate any special occasion with a unique, "one of a kind" present that will be appreciated and treasured forever.

STARTING AT \$250
Order now for Christmas!

CONTACT TOMMY NUCHE, A&M '72
979-846-6070 OR 979-777-6070
OR EMAIL RODANDREELCENTER@VERIZON.NET

OR DROP BY
TOMMY'S OUTDOOR WORLD
3823 OLD COLLEGE RD. IN BRYAN

OR OUR WEB SITE FOR DETAILS AND REFERENCES:
WWW.RATTLERRODS.COM



The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum
is hosting four fabulous
Winemaker Weekends

Dinners & Seminars
in conjunction with
THE CULTURE OF WINE™
exhibit

George Bush
Presidential Library and Museum

mark your calendars: Feb. 6, 2010 • Napa Valley April 24, 2010 • Chilean June 12, 2010 • Texas

for more information
or reservations:

<http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu>
Tracy Paine at 979.691.4014

Spanish Winemaker Weekend
Saturday, December 5, 2009

Spanish wines are hot! Come find out why. The day begins with Doug Frost, Master Sommelier and America's Eighth Master of Wine, conducting a seminar on Wines from Spain. Midday, Maximilian Riedel of Riedel Crystal explains the art of the perfect wine glass. Vincent Friend of Colección Internacional del Vino and Jesús Martínez Bujanda of Bodegas Valdemar conduct the afternoon seminars and tastings. The evening culminates with a private showing of THE CULTURE OF WINE exhibit and the exclusive Winemaker's Dinner.

JACK WINSLOW BODY SHOP

SERVING AGGIELAND FOR OVER 62 YEARS

~ FREE ESTIMATES ~

~ INSURANCE CLAIMS WELCOME ~

~ OPEN 8 – 5:30, M-F ~



1845 GRAHAM RD • COLLEGE STATION • 979-690-1487
WWW.JACKWINSLOWBODYSHOP.COM



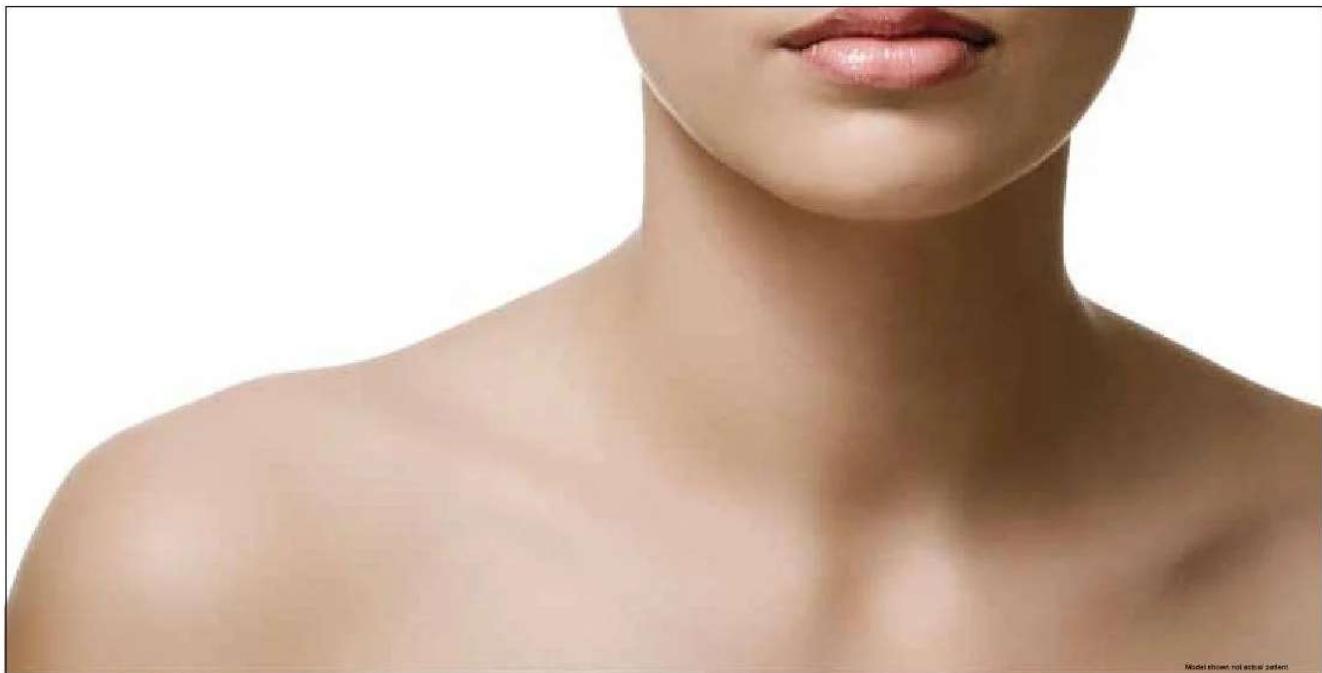
Chicken EXPRESS®

Aggie Owned & Operated

Two Convenient Locations in College Station:

710 Earl Rudder Frwy. S. at University
979-846-7781

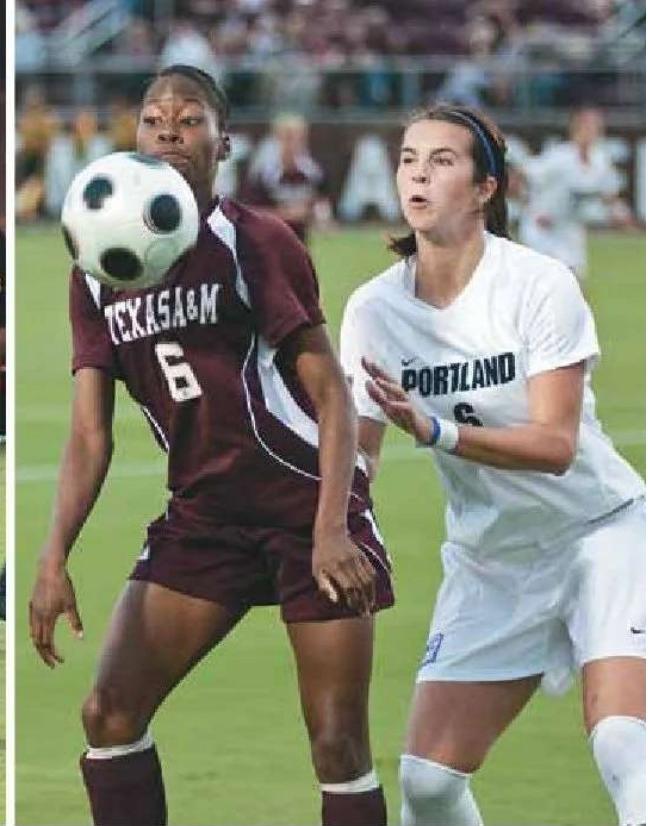
12875 Wellborn/FM 2154
979-764-7781



THYROID SURGERY WITH
NO NECK INCISION

COLLEGE STATION MEDICAL CENTER
979-693-2762

ROBOTICTHYROID.COM
TEXAS INSTITUTE FOR THYROID
AND PARATHYROID SURGERY



The soccer team has had its ups and downs already in 2009, which isn't too much of a surprise considering that they are playing one of the toughest schedules in the nation. In non-conference action, the Aggies lost on the road to then No. 14 California and top ranked North Carolina. At home, however, the team dominated then No. 8 USC and then 2nd-ranked Portland. Playing the best teams this early in the season will undoubtedly benefit the Aggies when it's postseason time.



scoreboard | octobercalendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8 Missouri 4 pm	4 		7 6:30 pm Kansas State		8 @Tar Heel W Invitational All Day	9 @Tar Heel W Invitational All Day
11 8 @Tar Heel W Invitational All Day	11 Fresno State 1 pm		14 6:30 pm @Iowa State		15 16 17 8 @Iowa State 7 pm	16 8 @Virginia Invitational 10 am
18 8 @Lone Star m Champ. All Day	19 8 @Lone Star m Champ. All Day	20	21 7 pm Oklahoma	22 7 pm Colorado	23 7 pm @Southwest m Collegiate Plunge 7 pm	24 8 @Texas Tech TBA
25 8 Texas Tech 1:30 pm	26 8 @Baylor m Intercollegiate All Day	27 8 @Baylor m Intercollegiate All Day	28 7 pm Texas	29 7 pm Texas	30 7 pm 8 @Big 12 Champs. 10 am	31 8 @Big 12 Champs. 10 am
1 8 @Challenge at W Onion Creek All Day	2 8 @Challenge at W Onion Creek All Day	3	4 8 @Big 12 Champs. TBA	5 8 @Big 12 Champs. TBA	6 8 @Big 12 Champs. TBA	7 8 @Big 12 Champs. TBA
			7 pm @Kansas State	7 pm Texas A&M-Commerce (exhibition)	7 pm @Kansas State	7 pm @Colorado TBA
						8 @Oklahoma State 10 am
						8 Baylor 6:30 pm

Halloween

Please join us for the
GRAND OPENING
of our second location

MacResource Computers

@ Northgate



Authorized Reseller

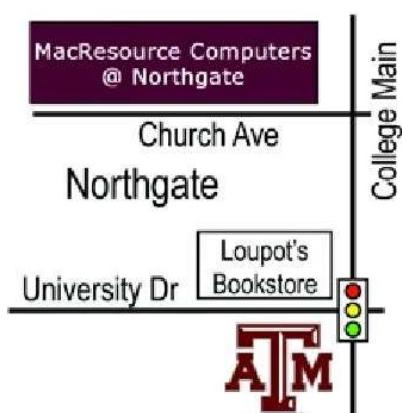


313 Church Avenue
College Station, TX
(314) 314-0537

*DOOR PRIZES

*GIVE-AWAYS

*PRODUCT DEMOS



www.mac-northgate.com



Still proudly providing sales and service
at 3828 S. Texas Avenue in Bryan.



Experience the Thrill...



SKYDIVE AGGIELAND!

VOTED "BEST EXTREME ADVENTURE"
IN THE BRAZOS VALLEY SINCE 2003!

- GIFT CERTIFICATES -

- GROUP DISCOUNTS -

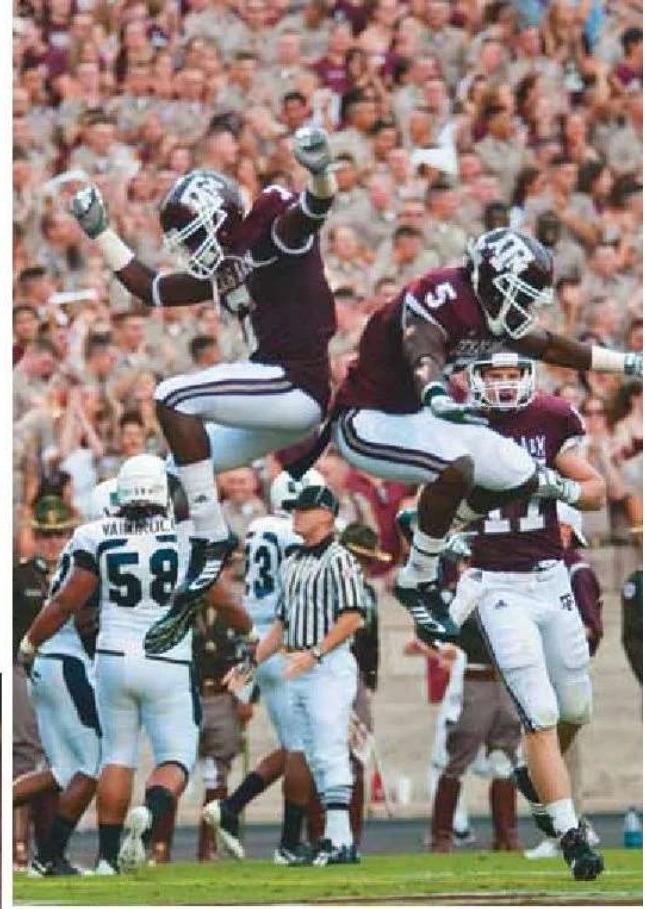
- MONTHLY SPECIALS -

6104 STATE HWY 21 E, SUITE 21
(2 MILES EAST OF HWY 6
AT COULTER AIRFIELD)
BRYAN, TX 77808
979-778-JUMP OR 866-SWOOP-IN
MANIFEST@SKYDIVEAGGIELAND.COM
WWW.SKYDIVEAGGIELAND.COM

Non-Conference Football Rewind

A look back at the non-conference highlights and Q&As with seniors Michael Shumard and Jordan Pugh BY BRIAN DAVIS '01

(right) True freshman WR Uzoma Nwachukwu (EZ) celebrates with senior WR Howard Morrow after scoring a touchdown against Utah State. EZ had a record-setting game with four touchdowns against the Aggies on only four touches – three by air and another by ground. (below) Junior QB Jerrod Johnson runs in for the touchdown in the first half against UAB. Johnson torched the Blazers for 290 passing yards and 351 yards of total offense. He became the first Aggie quarterback to rush for three touchdowns and pass for three touchdowns in a game in school history.





jordan **PUGH**



Seventeen questions for the Aggies' senior safety

What is the biggest difference between this year's defense and last year's?

The first things that come to mind are speed and youth. We have a lot of young guys who are growing and learning as they go. There's also a different attitude. When bad things happen in the game, nobody freaks out unlike last year. Instead, the focus is on what we need to do to get it fixed.

What is your goal this year?

I just want to be the leader that I've been called on to be. I was always taught that you have to learn how to follow before you can lead. As a senior, I think it's my time now to lead this defense in the right direction.

How many times have you changed positions between cornerback and safety since you've been here?

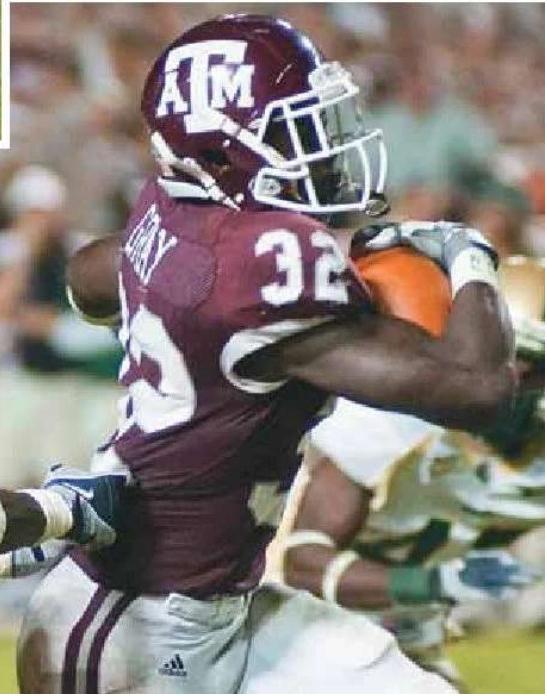
I think it's been about every week. If I could just stay in one spot I would be happy. It's good though because I know what everyone is going through. It makes you adaptable to anything.

What other position would you play if you had the choice?

Linebacker. It seems like they just run around hitting people. That would be a lot of fun.

Who are the most difficult receivers to cover on the Aggie offense?

Jeff Fuller, EZ (Uzoma Nwachukwu) and surprisingly Ryan Tannehill.



(above) Sophomore LB Garrick Williams provides the big hit on New Mexico WR Roland Bruno. The Aggie defense was solid in the 2009 season opener, limiting the Lobo offense to 6 points and 231 total yards. **(right)** Sophomore RB Cyrus Gray breaks away from the UAB defense for a touchdown in the 4th quarter. Gray received the lion's share of carries in Christine Michael's absence due to injury and responded with 99 yards and one touchdown on 19 carries. **(facing page)** Sophomore WR Jeff Fuller makes the great catch with outstretched arms for the touchdown against New Mexico. Fuller caught a career-high 10 passes for a career-best 111 yards and one touchdown. Unfortunately he broke his right fibula in the following game against Utah State and will be out of action until sometime during the Big 12 schedule.

Would you rather have a big, fumble-causing hit or an interception?

You always want the ball. Then again, there's nothing like getting that hit. Have to take the interception though.

What is your favorite thing about being an Aggie?

Being united with the Aggie community and the Aggie Network. That's what made me want to come to Texas A&M. When I saw how the Aggie Network worked I knew I wanted to be a part of it.

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be Wolverine. I was a huge X-Men fan as a kid and Wolverine was my man. I was Wolverine for every Halloween.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I like to think I can sing. I'm not any good at it, but I can sing. That's a talent.

What's your favorite meal?

I was born in Cincinnati and there's a place there called Skyline Chili. They make this spaghetti chili. It's not the type of chili that people think of around here. You get that and put a bunch of cheese on it and some crackers – I promise, that's the best food I've ever had.

Have you been back for some more?

My mom made some a few weeks ago.

If you could play a different college sport, what would you play?

That's easy – basketball. It's a nice air-conditioned sport. Sometimes when I'm out at practice during two-a-days in the 120-degree heat I ask myself why in the world I decided to play football. The basketball players are over there inside, running around in the A/C.

Do you have any phobias?

I used to be afraid of elevators. Then one day I was tired of going up and down the steps and decided the elevator was a pretty good invention. So I broke that phobia.

What are your nicknames?

Everybody calls me "Old Man" or "Pugh Head." I don't know where they got "Pugh Head" from.

How does it feel to be the "old man" in the secondary?

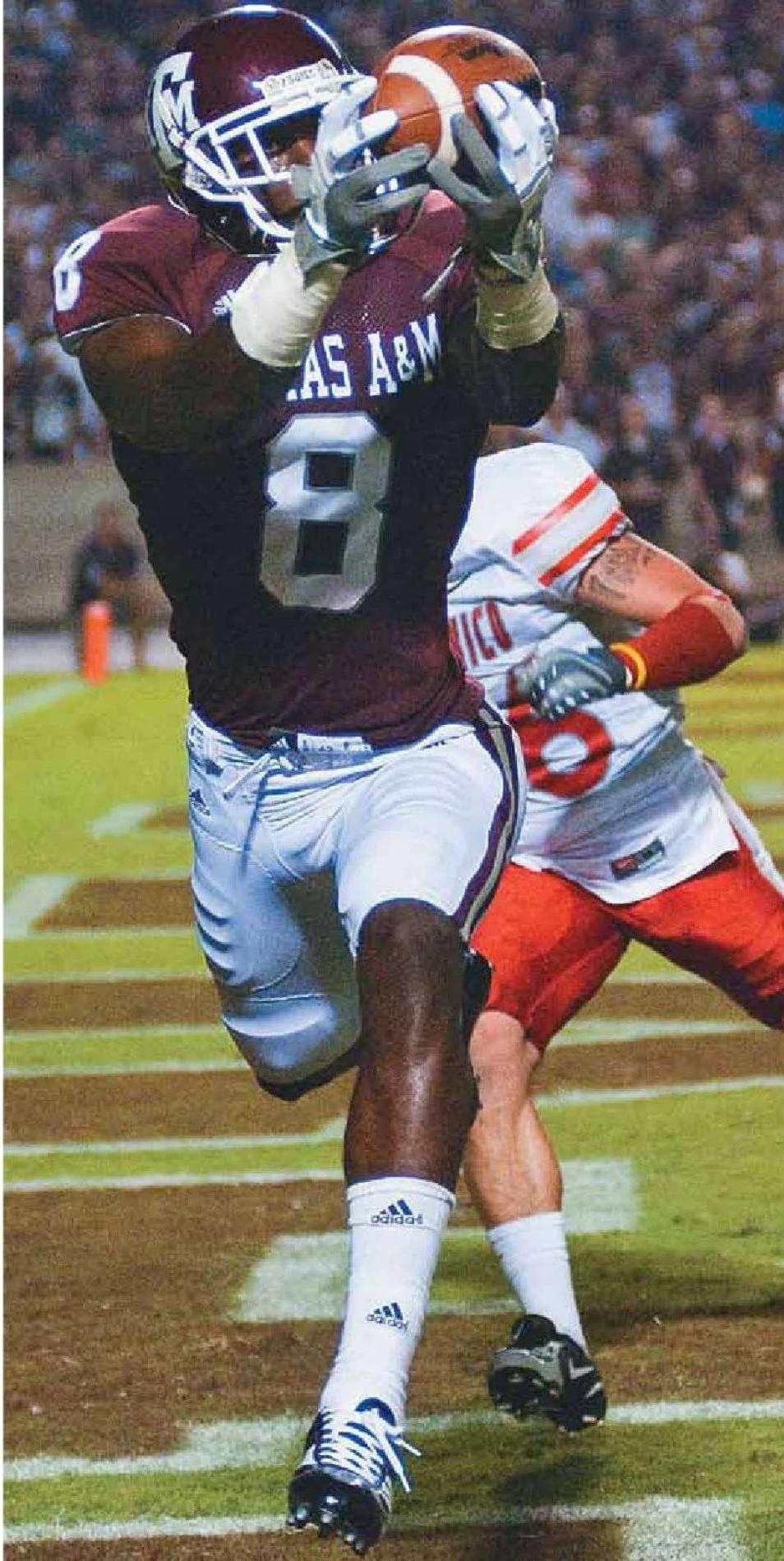
It's bittersweet. I always tell the freshmen that they are coming in at the perfect time and it makes me a little jealous. The four years I've been here have been filled with a lot of drama. They're coming in at the perfect time – right on the rise. Being my last year, I want to spark that rise and go out with a bang.

What's your favorite Aggie tradition?

I love singing the Spirit of Aggieland with the 12th Man right before the game.

How do you want to be remembered?

I want to be remembered as a guy who played hard and who led the right way. And I want to be remembered as a guy who sparked the return of Texas A&M's tradition of winning. **A1**



**DEPENDABLE CARS.
DEPENDABLE DEALER.**

Serving Aggieland for over 30 years.



HONDA
ALLEN HONDA



THE CORNER OF SOUTHWEST PKWY AND HIGHWAY 6
TOLL FREE (866) 680-2424 • WWW.ALLENHONDA.COM

Vineyard Court
DESIGNER SUITES HOTEL

Experience the soothing coos of our resident mourning doves and gentle breezes rustling through the wisteria-draped arbor – an unexpected oasis in the heart of College Station. Complement the experience of your stay with more conveniences and services than you'll find anywhere else in the Southwest.



Open Floor Plans & Private Bedrooms
Custom Pillow-Top Beds ~ Luxury Bedding
Fully-Equipped Kitchens ~ Exquisite Pool
Fitness Center ~ Lush Landscaping
Outdoor Grills ~ Evening Wine Tasting
Free Hi-Speed Internet ~ Luxurious Baths
Deluxe Continental Breakfast



1500 GEORGE BUSH EAST • COLLEGE STATION
(979) 693-1220 • STAY@VINEYARDCOURT.COM
WWW.VINEYARDCOURT.COM

michael SHUMARD



Nine questions for the Aggies' senior offensive lineman

How does it feel when the ball is snapped and it's time to go hit somebody?

It's a great feeling to finally get out of your stance and get going. Most of the time it's just doing your job and people never notice. I can knock somebody clear out of their teeth, their earpiece and mouthpiece could fly out and snot could be coming out of their nose, but nobody notices because the ball isn't anywhere near you. It's more of a personal enjoyment.

What is the most rewarding moment for you on the field?

I enjoy watching my teammates score. I take the excitement in their face and the excitement from the fans as excitement for me because I helped set that score up. When they come over and we do a little whirly bird, a butt bump or a high five, that makes me feel special.

What's your favorite play to run on offense?

We run a power play where the guard gets to pull up inside and the linebacker is sitting there on an island and he either has to take you on or run himself out of the play. Most of the time, he's not a sissy and tries to take you on. It's fun when we're watching film the next day and you see his head snap backwards. That is very rewarding and I enjoy it a lot.

What do you like to do for fun?

I really enjoy hunting and fishing. I'm a big outdoors person. I've also recently taken up golf, which is very amusing to watch. I'm really terrible, but it's a good reason to be outside.

What's your best round so far?

I broke 90 once – I think I had an 88. I was really happy about that. It was a one-time deal though. The putts were just falling. I was hitting shots off trees and they were bouncing the right way. On a par 3, I hit a sprinkler hole and it bounced to a foot from the hole. I was having such a lucky day. There was no change in skill – don't worry.

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I went through a lot of phases. I wanted to be a coach at one point and also a veterinarian. I've never really told anybody this, but I was always very proud that my dad served in the army, and although he never really wanted me to do that, if I hadn't gotten a college scholarship, I would have lost some weight and tried to follow in his footsteps. I was very proud of him.

Do you cook?

I grill and I bake, but I don't cook. I can bake cakes and brownies and stuff like that, of course, because I'm a fat kid. And I can grill or make something easy like spaghetti. But if you asked me to make chicken tartar or some crap like that, you'd have a better chance of winning the lottery.

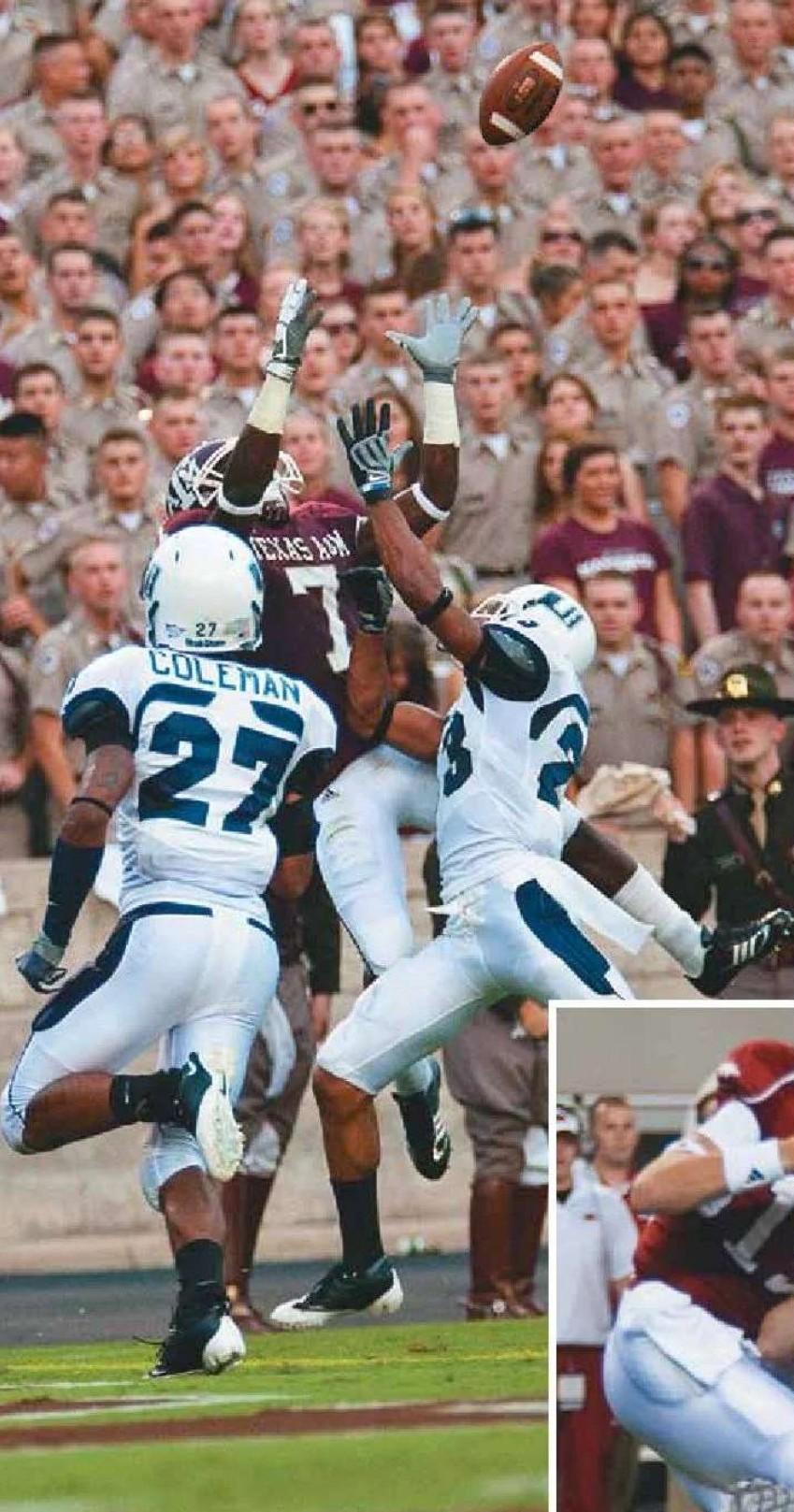
What do you want to be remembered for when your career at A&M is over?

That I was selfless. Coach Sherman asked me to play tackle last year because we didn't have anyone there. It wasn't something I was very good at by my standards, but it was what we had to do to give us the best opportunity to win. I caught a lot of crap last year and a lot of bad stuff happened. I didn't play up to my standards and I took a lot of heat for that. It wasn't because I wasn't trying hard. I did whatever I could to help the team and the fans. That is more important to me than my happiness.

What's your favorite Aggie tradition?

I like it when the 12th Man saws varsity's horns off. When I'm on the field and sucking water between quarters and they do that, it always gives me a little tingle down my spine. I look forward to it. When there's a few seconds left on the clock and I know we are not going to run another play, I start to look up to the fans and watch them get ready. I truly enjoy that.

View the full Q&A on aggielandillustrated.com >> NAME: shumard >> PASSWORD: selfless



(above) WR Uzoma Nwachukwu (EZ) skies above the Utah State defensive backs for an incredible touchdown reception. (right) Junior Von Miller explodes through the line to sack QB Ryan Mallett on Arkansas' first offensive series.

The national sack leader was limited to the one sack for the game, bringing his total to nine for the season through the first four contests. (top right) Sophomore QBWR Ryan Tannehill makes the touchdown grab in the corner of the end zone during the second half against the Razorbacks.



Baylor Bears

LAST SEASON: 4-8 (2-6 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Art Briles (2nd Season, 4-8 at Baylor)

WHO TO WATCH:

WR Kendall Wright

50 receptions, 649 yards, 5 TD's in 2008

LB Joe Pawelek

128 tackles, 6 TFL, 6 Int's, 2 fumble recoveries in 2008

AT A GLANCE:

The Bears season took a crushing blow when sophomore QB sensation Robert Griffin, III went down with a season-ending knee injury against Northwestern State. Griffin threw for 2,091 yards and rushed for 1,118 more as a true freshman last season, amassing 28 touchdowns along the way. His offensive production and ability to create the big play will be virtually impossible to replace, but Briles appears to have stockpiled enough talent surrounding Griffin to keep the Bears in a few ball games this season. RB Jay Finley rushed for nearly 900 yards last year, and Wright and fellow WR David Getts can really stretch a defense. Defensively, Baylor returns All-Big 12 selections Pawelek and S Jordan Lake.

AI'S PREDICTION (NOVEMBER 21 AT KYLE FIELD):

The Aggies will get revenge for last year's loss in Waco. **Ags 41, Bears 24**

Oklahoma Sooners

LAST SEASON: 12-2 (7-1 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Bob Stoops (11th Season, 110-23 at Oklahoma)

WHO TO WATCH:

QB Sam Bradford

328 completions, 4,720 yards, 50 TD's in 2008

LB Travis Lewis

143 tackles, 11 TFL, 3 sacks, 4 Int's in 2008

AT A GLANCE:

The mighty Sooners entered the 2009 season with high hopes and expectations of returning to the BCS Championship game, but a season-opening loss to BYU and an injury to returning Heisman winner Bradford's right shoulder turned BCS dreams into nightmares. Those nightmares probably won't last long, however, as the Sooners return enough firepower on both sides of the ball to still compete for the Big 12 Championship, and Stoops is known for his ability to make midseason adjustments efficiently.

AI'S PREDICTION (NOVEMBER 14 IN NORMAN, OKLAHOMA):

A&M is getting closer to OU's level, but not this year: **Sooners 45, Ags 27**

Oklahoma St. Cowboys

LAST SEASON: 9-4 (5-3 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Mike Gundy (5th Season, 27-23 at Oklahoma State)

WHO TO WATCH:

WR Dez Bryant

87 receptions, 1,480 yards, 19 TD's in 2008

LB Andre Sexton

100 tackles, 4 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 fumble recovery in 2008

AT A GLANCE:

The Cowboys entered the 2009 season ranked in the top 10 nationally until Kevin Sumlin's Houston Cougars squad traveled into Stillwater and pulled off the upset. Despite the early speed bump, Oklahoma State should be able to build upon last season's success and compete for the Big 12 South title. Senior QB Zac Robinson leads a deadly offensive attack, as RB Kendall Hunter and Bryant are among the nation's best. The Cowboys return multiple starters on defense, including Sexton, LB Patrick Levine, CB Perrish Cox and DE Ugo Chianese.

AI'S PREDICTION (OCTOBER 10 AT KYLE FIELD):

Could go either way, but OSU is likely to prevail in a close one. **Cowboys 35, Ags 31**

Texas Longhorns

LAST SEASON: 12-1 (7-1 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Mack Brown (12th Season, 115-26 at Texas)

WHO TO WATCH:

QB Colt McCoy

332 completions, 3,859 yards, 34 passing TD's in 2008

DE Sergio Kindle

46 tackles, 13 TFL, 10.5 sacks in 2008

AT A GLANCE:

The Longhorns are riding high after their BCS victory over Ohio State last season and for good reason. The senior tandem of McCoy and WR Jordan Shipley will likely lead Mack Brown to yet another 10-win season, while another weak non-conference schedule should allow the 'Horns to ease into a BCS berth. Will Muschamp's defense received more hype than the Pope coming to town this offseason, and while it's been good so far, it hasn't come close to meeting expectations.

AI'S PREDICTION (NOVEMBER 26 AT KYLE FIELD):

Just depends on which way the ball bounces. **Horns 31, Ags 24**

Texas Tech Red Raiders

LAST SEASON: 11-2 (7-1 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Mike Leach (10th Season, 76-39 at Texas Tech)

WHO TO WATCH:

WR Detron Lewis

71 receptions, 869 yards, 3TD's in 2008

LB Marlon Williams

65 tackles, 3TFL, 2 sacks, 1 fumble recovery in 2008

AT A GLANCE:

For the first time in what seems like forever, there's uncertainty in Lubbock. Record breaking QB Graham Harrell and WR Michael Crabtree are gone, and Leach has to prove whether or not his Red Raider squad will have to rebuild or reload. After a season for the ages in 2008, Texas Tech got off to a rough start in 2009, losing two of their first four games. QB Taylor Potts will undoubtedly put up big numbers in Tech's pass-happy system, and Lewis looks like he'll step in for Crabtree. Senior OL Brandon Carter (known for his warpaint, Mohawk and personal fouls) may have finally pushed Leach too far, as he was indefinitely suspended after the Red Raider loss in Houston. The defense will be the key to their success in 2009.

AI'S PREDICTION (OCTOBER 24 IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS):

Tough to ever predict a win in Lubbock, but hopefully we're wrong. **Tech 49, Ags 41**



COLORADO BUFFALOES

LAST SEASON: 5-7 (2-6 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Dan Hawkins (4th Season, 13-24 at Colorado)

WHO TO WATCH:

QB Cody Hawkins (1,892 yards and 17 TD's in 2008)

LB Jeff Smart (109 tackles, 2 TFL in 2008)

AT A GLANCE:

For whatever reason, the former Boise State head coach hasn't been able to duplicate his success in Boulder. If the Buffaloes post another 2-6 record in Big 12 play this season, we suspect Dan Hawkins won't be around much longer. There aren't many bright spots for the Colorado squad, as Cody Hawkins' numbers at QB are well below Big 12 averages and highly touted sophomore RB Darrell Scott hasn't come near his lofty expectations. Smart continues to lead the team in tackles so far in 2009.

AI'S PREDICTION (NOVEMBER 7 IN BOULDER, COLORADO):

Despite a bad history playing in Boulder, this year is different – barely. **Ags 28, Buffs 20**



IOWA STATE CYCLONES

LAST SEASON: 2-10 (0-8 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Paul Rhoads (1st Season)

WHO TO WATCH:

QB Austin Arnaud (2,792 yards, 15 TD's in 2008)

DE Christopher Lyle (38 tackles, 8 TFL, 5 sacks in 2008)

AT A GLANCE:

When Gene Chizik was announced as the next head football coach at Auburn, it came as a shock to the entire football world, not to mention the Iowa State faithful. His record in Ames was ugly at 5-19. The Cyclones swapped one former Auburn defensive coordinator for another, as Rhoads hopes to implement the defensive tradition that Chizik promised but never delivered. That won't be easy against the powerful offenses in the Big 12, so his team will have to rely on Arnaud to try and outscore opponents in the immediate future.

AI'S PREDICTION (OCTOBER 31 AT KYLE FIELD):

Should be the Aggies' weakest Big 12 opponent and it's at home. **Ags 45, Cyclones 17**



KANSAS JAYHAWKS

LAST SEASON: 8-5 (4-4 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Mark Mangino (8th Season, 45-41 at Kansas)

WHO TO WATCH:

QB Todd Reesing (3,888 yards, 32 TD's in 2008)

S Darrel Stuckey (98 tackles, 4 TFL, 5 Int's in 2008)

AT A GLANCE:

The Jayhawks (or Fighting Mangino's) have gone from Big 12 bottom-dwellers to Big 12 North perennial contenders under Mangino. Reesing looks to leave his mark at KU by leading his high-powered offense to the Big 12 Championship game this season. He has plenty of weapons at his disposal, including junior WR Dezmon Briscoe, who piled up 1,407 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns in 2008. If team captain Stuckey can lead the Jayhawk defenders through the Big 12 gauntlet, the Jayhawks could return to BCS glory in 2009.

AI'S PREDICTION:

The Aggies will play Kansas again in Lawrence on October 23, 2010.



KANSAS ST. WILDCATS

LAST SEASON: 5-7 (2-6 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Bill Snyder (18th Season, 136-68-1 at Kansas State)

WHO TO WATCH:

WR Brandon Banks (1,049 yards, 9 TD's in 2008)

DB Joshua Moore (76 tackles, 5 TFL, 3 Int's in 2008)

AT A GLANCE:

In an interesting move, the Wildcats brought back Snyder, their legendary football coach and home stadium's namesake, to reclaim the reigns of the Kansas State football program. Snyder brought the program out of the depths during his first stint as head coach, so stranger things have happened. Still, it's an uphill battle for a Kansas State squad that lost their best player (QB Josh Freeman) to the NFL and fielded one of the worst defenses in the country last season.

AI'S PREDICTION (OCTOBER 17 IN MANHATTAN, KANSAS):

History and talent are on A&M's side in this one. **Ags 38, Wildcats 21**



MISSOURI TIGERS

LAST SEASON: 10-4 (5-3 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Gary Pinkel (9th Season, 59-41 at Mizzou)

WHO TO WATCH:

RB Derrick Washington (1,036 yards, 17 TD's in 2008)

LB Sean Weatherspoon (155 tackles, 18 TFL in 2008)

AT A GLANCE:

Despite losing QB Chase Daniel and electric WR Jeremy Maclin, the Tigers return as one of the Big 12 North's premier programs. Highly touted sophomore QB Blaine Gabbert's time has finally arrived to lead the Missouri offense, and the early returns were positive in non-conference play. The Tigers rely on the ground game to open up the passing attack, and Washington continues to handle that responsibility in stride. Defensively, Weatherspoon is an All-American candidate and will find himself playing on Sundays next season.

AI'S PREDICTION:

The Aggies will play Missouri again at Kyle Field on October 16, 2010.



NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

LAST SEASON: 9-4 (5-3 in Big 12)

HEAD COACH:

Bo Pelini (2nd Season, 9-4 at Nebraska)

WHO TO WATCH:

RB Roy Helu, Jr. (125 carries, 803 yards, 7 TD's in 2008)

DT Ndamukong Suh (76 tackles, 19 TFL, 7 sacks in 2008)

AT A GLANCE:

The Husker Nation was reenergized last season when Pelini led Nebraska to a 9-4 record in his debut season. That included a Gator Bowl victory over Clemson. Funny, the same type of season that got former head coach Frank Solich fired now gets Pelini anointed as savior. Nonetheless, Nebraska has officially arrived back at their self-proclaimed rightful place atop the Big 12 North. Helu and new QB Zac Lee lead the Husker offense, while Suh looks to reclaim the proud Blackshirt Defense.

AI'S PREDICTION:

The Aggies will play Nebraska again at Kyle Field on November 20, 2010.



briYOUNG

Ten questions for the Aggies' sophomore soccer sensation BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

What brought you to A&M?

Just the tradition. The coaching staff is great. The team is so close. I couldn't ask for a better setting when I am going out and playing on Friday nights.

Were you expecting to be a leader on this team as a freshman?

The coaches told me beforehand that I was going to step in with a big role on the team. I wasn't expecting to be one of the leading scorers, or start every game or play every minute of every game, but I couldn't have asked for a better freshman year. The entire freshman class had huge shoes to fill and we did it in a very classy way. Unfortunately, we didn't come away with any trophies or rings. It was a rebuilding year. But, if you get to the Elite 8 in a rebuilding year, everything is going to be alright.

When did you start playing soccer?

I started when I was 10 years old. I started right at competitive. My friend told me to come out and play soccer with her because she needed a friend and didn't know anyone else out there. I actually made the national team based on pure athleticism.

I pretty much sat the bench my first four years of soccer until one of my coaches stepped in and said "give her a chance at defense." That is where I have been ever since. I was a late bloomer compared to everyone else.

Did you play any other sports?

I played basketball and softball. My dad went to UCI and played baseball there. We grew up on baseball. I always told my dad I would be the first girl to play Major League Baseball, but I guess that didn't come true. I think I got a pretty good trade off right now though.

Do you have any superstitions?

I do the exact same thing before every game. I get the same meal at Jason's Deli – the Chicken Club Wrappini with extra cheese, no onions or tomatoes – it is pretty good. I come into the locker room at the same time before every game. I never put my shin guards on before I go out to the field because when I put my shin guards on I am strapped and ready to go. I don't tie my cleats until we start hitting long balls. That's when I really start to engage in the game. Then, Raven and I have to do our handshake before the whistle blows. Then it is game time.

What happens when the shoes are tied?

Once the shoes are tied it is tackle time.

Do you have any guilty pleasures?

I am the most unhealthy eater ever. Ever. Our nutritionist, Amy, is not going to be happy with me, but I cannot stand healthy food. I eat Coco-Puffs, Pop Tarts, etc. I dumped a bunch of suckers in my locker. I can't go anywhere without eating candy. I could eat junk food all day every day. And I am addicted to Mountain Dew. It is probably my favorite thing ever.

What items do you have to take with you on the road?

This is going to sound funny, but my inhaler. I have the worst allergies on the face of the earth. I am allergic to everything. Mostly, I am allergic to grass so I cannot breathe without my inhaler. It has to be there when I am around. And my iPhone – I love it. I feel naked without it. It is the best – I can't get rid of it.

How does playing here compare to other places you've played?

Well before playing at the college level, you have your parents on the sidelines and that's about it. You come out here and you have people who come out that respect you and love to see you play. When you score a goal – it is the most amazing feeling when those people are cheering for you. When the ball is on our half of the field, and everyone starts doing that "AAAA" all the time, it really pumps you up to keep it in there. No other team has that. It is a huge advantage for us.

What is your favorite Aggie tradition?

I love the Aggie War Hymn. No other school has anything like that. I love sawing it off. It is what I look forward to after every game. You get all the students together and it just shows the tradition of the 12th Man. The alumni here are amazing. The school is just a family of 48,000 people. I love it. **AJ**

kelseyBLACK

Nine questions for the sophomore volleyball libero

BY JASON MCCONNELL '01

What brought you to A&M?

During my freshman year of high school, I came on a visit with a friend that used to play here – Beth Skypala. It was during Texas weekend and football and volleyball were playing. I had never wanted to come to A&M – didn't even want to come look – but I came anyway and as soon as I stepped on campus I didn't want to look anywhere else. I knew this is where I wanted to go. So you can imagine what my parents thought when I was 14 years old and already convinced where I was going to college. A week before my 15th birthday, I called Laurie [Corbelli] and I asked her if I could come and play here. I loved all the tradition and how the students are all together. You are connected to everybody.

How did it feel to receive the most improved player award last season?

It was really exciting because it is voted on by the players and it showed their appreciation of me. I remember back to my first day of practice. I never really had to pass the ball in high school. So when the first ball came to me, I thought I was in perfect position and stuck my arms out. Next thing I know, the ball goes flying over my head like nothing you've ever seen before. I don't even know how it happened. From then on, John was constantly on me about using the right technique. To go from not even being able to pass the ball inside the court my first semester, to getting to play libero and be on the Junior National Team was a great accomplishment for me.

Had you ever played libero (defensive specialist) before?

Never. I actually set until my sophomore year in high school. I set and I hit and that was it. Serve and receive has always been my worst nightmare. It was scary the first couple of games. I was thinking, "Oh my gosh, Oh my gosh, Oh my Gosh, PLEASE don't serve at me." After a couple of games of struggling a little bit while figuring it out, I got to the point where I was thinking, "Hey, Serve at me. This is my favorite thing to do." It was different, but I definitely love it now. It has made me a more confident player.

What is OPOTOG?

It is a team thing. We are keeping it a secret so that it is just something special that we can share with each other. Even the coaches have no idea what it means. They all think they do, but they don't. John [Corbelli] swears he knows and every day he comes up with a new meaning for it, but he's never right. It is our team identity.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I don't know if you would call it a talent, but the girls love it. All of us just go crazy when we are in the locker room – we dance, sing and all kinds of stuff. Every girl on the team has a different dance move, and I can do each girl's dance and look just like them. The girls will ask me to do Kelsey, do Minnery or do Sarah. It is hilarious. I can impersonate some of the football and baseball guys' moves as well.

What items do you have to take with you on the road?

Definitely my phone. I have to call my dad after every game and tell him how it went. And my hair is very short, so I have to have bobby pins to keep it up. I might forget my jersey, but I will have bobby pins.

Do you have any guilty pleasures?

Definitely chocolate. I couldn't live without it. I have some in my backpack right now. The girls laugh all the time because I have a king sized Snickers and a Dr. Pepper before every game.

When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a ballet dancer. I danced for 13 years and it was, by far, my favorite thing. If I could still be doing it now I would, but I got too tall. They started putting me in the back because everyone else is 5-2 or 5 feet and I was 5-8.

What is your favorite Aggie tradition?

I love the "Sit Down Bus Driver" yell. When they yell that, it gets me so excited and I can't stop laughing. I love Muster too. **A1**



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

GEOFF HANGARTNER

BY STEVE HUNT

Former A&M offensive lineman Geoff Hangartner made a change of scenery in the offseason, signing a four-year, \$10-million contract with Buffalo. Hangartner, who started 36 consecutive games for the Aggies, began the 2009 season as the Bills' starting center.

"I felt like it was a great opportunity for me," he said. "In Carolina, I was a sometimes starter and a sixth man or backup at a bunch of positions. I ended up starting a lot of games but I felt like I was ready to be a full-time starter and that was the biggest opportunity I was looking for. I liked the way they were headed offensively. This just seemed like it would be the best fit."

The Bills' roster also includes fellow Aggie and o-lineman Seth McKinney.

"We talk A&M football a bunch," Hangartner said. "It's been really good having Seth around. We were roommates on the road my first two years at A&M, so we've known each other for a long time. We do a lot of trash talking about the Aggies. We also have a trainer who worked at A&M for a while, so between us, there's plenty of trash talk."

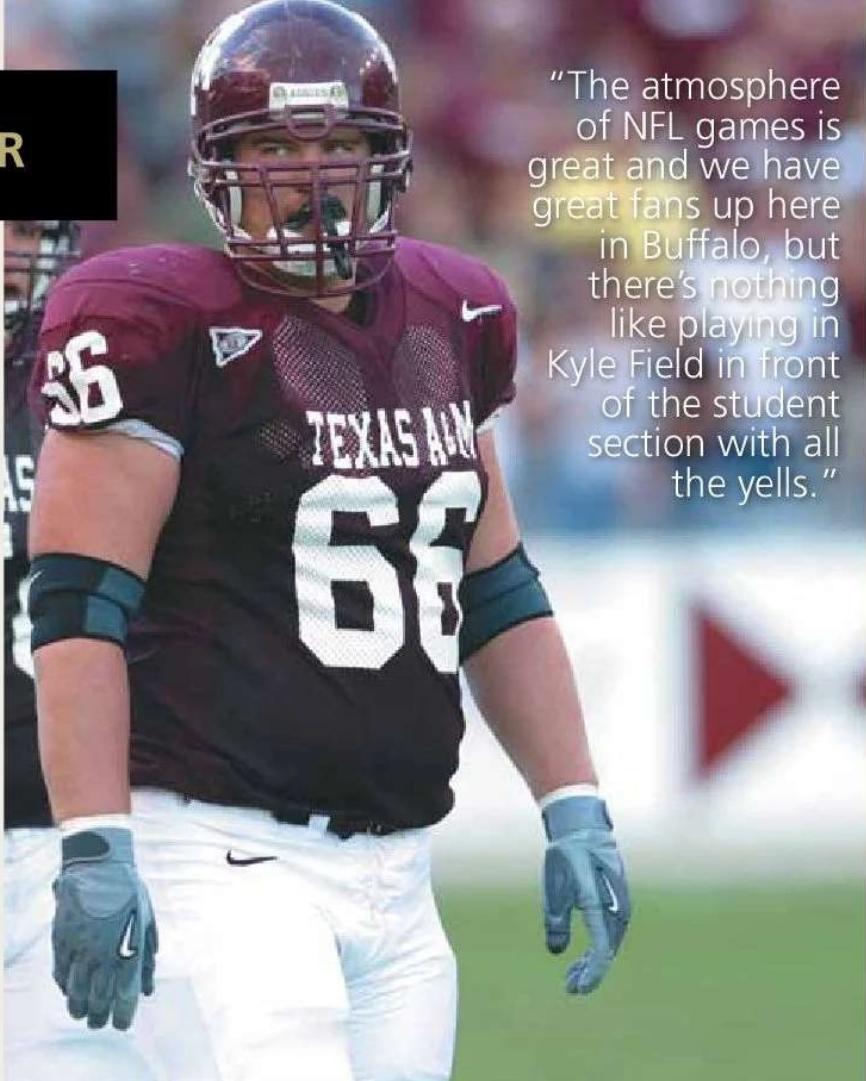
Hangartner still holds fond memories of his years in Aggieland.

"I loved my time at A&M," he said. "I couldn't have picked a better place to go to school and play football. The only unfortunate part when I was there was that we weren't all that good. We had some bowl seasons but never the kind of success that I expected when I went there and that we expected out of ourselves."

The passion of the fans is what Hangartner misses the most.

"The atmosphere of NFL games is great and we have great fans up here in Buffalo," he said, "but there's nothing like playing in Kyle Field in front of the student section with all the yells."

Hangartner starred at New Braunfels HS, helping lead the Unicorns to two state playoff appearances. As a senior, he was a first-team All-District choice and a second-team All-State selection. He grew up an Aggie, so he knew where he wanted to play in college if given the opportunity. It was an easy recruiting job for



"The atmosphere of NFL games is great and we have great fans up here in Buffalo, but there's nothing like playing in Kyle Field in front of the student section with all the yells."

then-head coach R.C. Slocum.

After spending his first three years under Slocum, he played under Dennis Franchione as a senior. He admits the transition was tough.

"You've got two very different personalities as far as the coaches went," he admits. "Any time you have a coaching change, it's tough but when the personalities are that much different, it makes it a little tougher."

After a strong senior campaign where he earned first-team All-Big 12 Conference honors, Hangartner headed to the NFL. He admits when the Panthers took him in the fifth round of the 2005 draft, it was a surprise.

"I really hadn't had a whole lot of contact with them," he said. "I had contact with a lot of different teams and more contact with some other teams. I talked to one of their scouts at an all-star game and that was pretty much the only contact I had with them. That was a little bit

of a surprise. I was happy to be drafted and to go to Carolina."

Even though he never became a full-time starter with the Panthers, he still relishes his time there.

"I made some great friends and we had some success," he said. "We went to the playoffs my rookie year and made it to the NFC Championship Game. Last year, we won the division and unfortunately, got beat early in the playoffs."

Although Buffalo is off to a disappointing start in 2009, Hangartner shined in the season opener against New England on Monday Night Football. He received rave reviews for his dominating performance against the Patriots' defensive line from the broadcast booth – a rarity for an offensive lineman. Unfortunately, his impressive debut was overshadowed by a New England come-from-behind victory led by Tom Brady in the final minutes.

Still, it appears this great Aggie has found a home in Buffalo. ■

EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT

TEXAS A&M BASKETBALL



2009
2010
SEASON



Men's Basketball Home Schedule

- Nov 5 Texas A&M-Commerce
- Nov 13 Angelo State
- Nov 20 Samford
- Dec 2 Prairie View A&M
- Dec 4 Akron
- Dec 7 North Texas
- Dec 19 The Citadel
- Jan 2 Northwestern State
- Jan 5 North Dakota
- Jan 9 Nebraska
- Jan 19 Oklahoma
- Jan 23 Colorado
- Jan 30 Texas Tech
- Feb 6 Baylor
- Feb 15 Kansas
- Feb 2 Texas
State Farm Lone Star Showdown
- Mar 3 Oklahoma State

Men's & Women's Basketball Season Tickets Now Available!

Women's Basketball Home Schedule

- Nov 15 Duke
- Nov 18 Rice
- Dec 2 Stephen F. Austin
- Dec 8 North Texas
- Dec 28 Prairie View A&M
- Jan 4 Lamar
- Jan 13 Iowa State
- Jan 23 Texas Tech
- Jan 31 Oklahoma State
- Feb 3 Missouri
- Feb 13 Kansas State
- Feb 20 Texas
State Farm Lone Star Showdown
- Feb 22 Baylor
- Mar 2 Oklahoma

Purchase Tickets Online at:

AggieAthletics.com
or call 1.888.99.AGGIE

COME SEE US AT OUR NEW LOCATION



1409 University Dr. East

City Bank's newest branch is now open in College Station.

Whether it's personal or commercial banking, you'll speak with a friendly banker who is ready to take care of you. Now is the time to experience the revolutionary services City Bank offers in our newest, convenient branch. Stop in today!



City Bank
TEXAS

979-268-2265 WWW.CITYBANKONLINE.COM

City Bank is a proud supporter of Texas A&M Athletics
© 2008 City Bank Texas, 10225A57663

LOBBY HOURS

Mon-Thur: 9am - 4pm
Fri: 9am - 6pm
Sat: 9am - 1pm

Perfect for the weary 12th Man...



You'll find everything you need when you stay with Quality Suites: welcoming accommodations, friendly service and a great night's sleep!

Free high speed internet • Hot breakfast daily
Close to all area attractions • Kids 17 and under stay free



3610 Highway 6 South • College Station
979.695.9400 • www.qualitäysuites-collegestation.com



Easterwood
AIRPORT
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

gateway
to the world



Easterwood Airport —

Fly into
the *heart* of
Aggieland.

Whether arriving by commercial airline or in your own private aircraft, Easterwood Airport (CLL) provides the most convenient access to the Bryan-College Station community. The airport is located just minutes from Texas A&M University and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. American Eagle and Continental Connection offer daily flights connecting through the Dallas-Ft. Worth and Houston airports. General Aviation customers receive the best customer service from professionally trained line attendants and AVTRIP points for fuel purchases.

www.easterwoodairport.com



Top 10 Moments

FROM THE INAUGURAL SOUTHWEST CLASSIC

BY JEREMY KSIONDA '04

1. The Atmosphere

The old Southwest Conference rivalry picked up right where it left off, as the atmosphere at Cowboys Stadium was absolutely electric when the game was close. Arkansas fans may have had a little bit more enjoyable experience at the inaugural Southwest Classic, but each season will bring new sets of expectations and circumstances that will undoubtedly provide some instant-classic showdowns.

2. Stadium

You can see it on TV, read about it in the newspaper, or listen to your neighbor talk about it, but until you see "Jerryworld" in person, you really can't appreciate its magnitude. Televisions in every corner, lights illuminating every nook and cranny, and a silhouette that stretches all the way across the horizon as you're driving down Interstate 30, Mr. Jones spared no expense on the Dallas Cowboys' new home.

3. All-White Aggies

There was a buzz about the stadium as fans got their first glance of A&M's all-white look for the nationally televised matchup. To add to the excitement, the players only found out they were wearing the white helmets when they arrived in the locker room on game day. It was the first time the Aggies donned white helmets since 1978.

4. No Boundaries

One of the perks of a press pass is that you receive access to almost anywhere in the building. Typically things are too hectic to go anywhere other than from point A to point B, but slow-moving elevators caused us to find alternate routes. While we may not have been able to enjoy the endless amenities of all the suite levels, just passing through was an experience in and of itself.

5. One of a Kind

Just before kickoff, a few of the Arkansas dance team members made their way over to meet the yell leaders and stood in front of the Aggie Band and the rest of the A&M section. As the 12th Man began to pass back signals to the top of the stadium and yell "BTHO Arkansas," the dance team couldn't hide their awe of the impressive display of unity among their counterparts.

6. The DeSoto Duo

Sophomore RB Cyrus Gray and junior JACK Von Miller each wore the number 24 to honor a member of the DeSoto HS football team (their alma mater) who suffered a career ending injury in the spring. The players honored their friend well, as Gray ripped off a long gain on the Aggies' first offensive possession, and Miller sacked Arkansas QB Ryan Mallett on the first defensive possession.

7. The 12th Man...With A New Twist

In what could become a new tradition, four members of the Aggie student body won the chance to experience what it's like to be part of the Aggie football team. The students traveled and stayed with the team and participated in everything they did for the Southwest Classic. While they weren't in full uniforms, they even got to stand on the sideline in No. 12 jerseys during the game – ready to play if called upon.

8. Macaroni Bar

Alright, we had to mention it. The new Cowboys Stadium might not have EVERYTHING, but they've certainly come close. If you've got a hankering for something other than typical stadium food, you might want to check out the Macaroni Bar located on the Ring of Honor level. It's Macaroni and Cheese however you want it, and it will only cost you \$10.

9. Cowboys Stadium Staff

We're not sure if the stadium had more televisions or staff members, but each was informative and helpful. If you're not sure where to go (and you won't be, because the place is absolutely massive), just ask one of the friendly staff members and they'll quickly point you in the right direction.

10. Friday Golf

The Northeast Tarrant County Aggie Mom's Club puts on an annual golf tournament fundraiser, and this year's competition just so happened to coincide with the Southwest Classic. We had the opportunity to participate in this year's tourney, and would highly recommend making it part of your weekend plans if you decide to take in next year's festivities. Beautiful course, friendly people, and an outstanding cause all rolled into one. Thanks, NE Tarrant County Aggie Mom's Club. And just for the record, they do give prizes to the team that finishes in last place. 

Nate, Erica, Holly & Miguel.
Come see us at the Bryan
Plasma Center!



Need money for tuition, books, food, gas or entertainment?
Short of Cash? **Donate Plasma!** Thousands do.

Earn up to **\$170/mo.**

New & Return* Donors: *not donated in 6 months
Bring this ad and receive \$5 extra on your 2nd and 4th donation.

DCI BIOLOGICALS

DCI Biologicals
4223 Wellborn Rd.
Bryan, TX
979-846-8855

WWW.DCIPLASMA.COM

Bring - Picture ID,
SS Card and Proof
of Residency

THE PLASMA CENTER
Westgate Biologicals
700 University Dr. E. Ste. 111
College Station, TX
979-268-6050



Gabe, Ashley, Vicki, Kat & Kylie
Come see us at the College
Station Center

VARSITY'S HORNS ARE SAWED OFF!



Varsity's Horns are Sawed Off
GIG 'EM AGGIES

- Solid wood bases (10" L x 7" W) with cowhide & maroon leather
- Total height 27" - 32"
- \$369 per pair
- Made in Texas



Call Today!
1-888-588-8268
www.shydecollection.com



FULL CONTACT



MOBILE
BANKING*

www.firstvictoria.mobi

Just like football, life is a contact sport. With **Mobile Banking** from First Victoria, now you can tackle all your banking chores from the convenience of your mobile phone.

979.260.3252 ▼ Bryan - 29th St.
979.779.5080 ▼ Bryan - Villa Maria Rd.
979.693.1063 ▼ College Station - Southwest Pkwy.
979.774.1700 ▼ College Station - Copperfield Pkwy.
979.279.3438 ▼ Hearne

 **First Victoria**SM

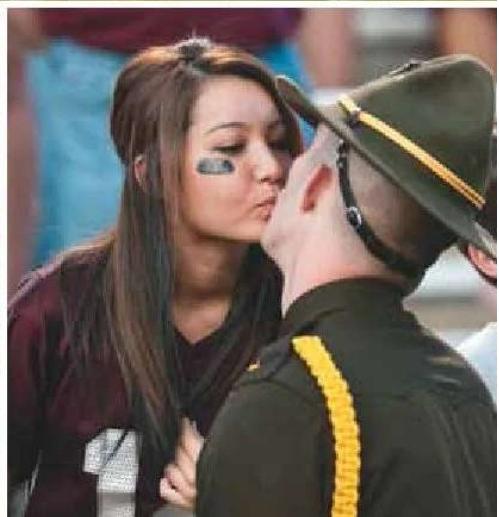
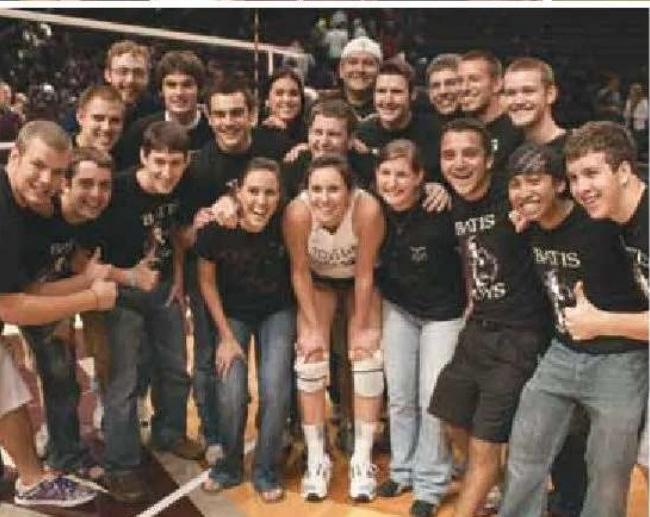
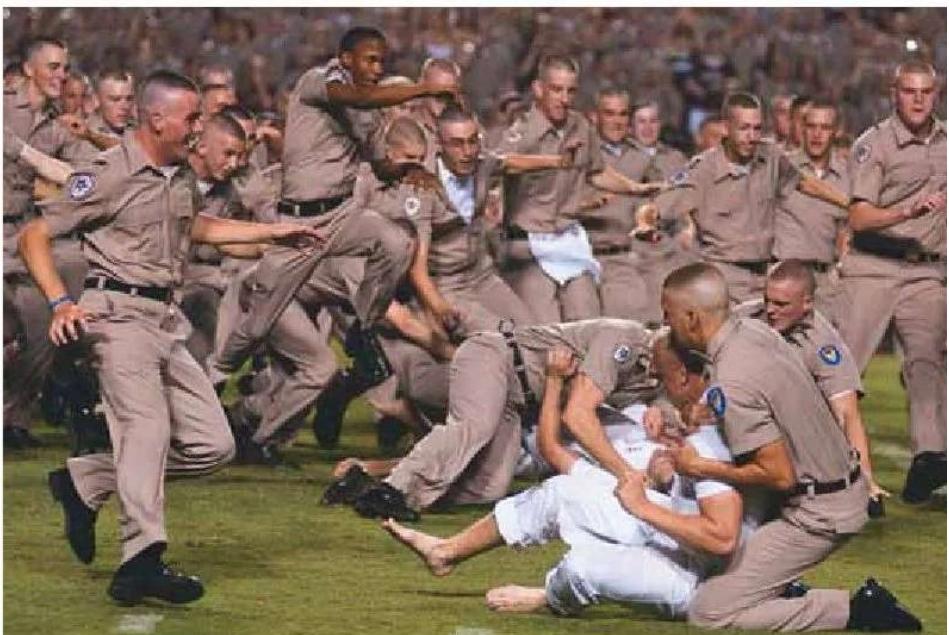
RESPONSIBLE BANKING

www.firstvictoria.com

the 12thman



(above) The yell leaders during the national anthem at a soccer match. (top right) Unfortunately the soccer team was outscored by Purdue. (right) Members of the 12th Man at the New Mexico football game. (below left and bottom) The 12th Man celebrates the volleyball team's upset victory over No. 6 Nebraska and the Batis Boys pose with their hero, Mary Batis. (below right) Fish corps members tackle the yell leaders after the win over New Mexico. (bottom middle) Quentin Coryatt was one of six A&M athletic greats to be inducted into the Letterman's Association Hall of Fame at the Burgess Banquet. (bottom middle) Fan Monika McCown throws T-shirts to the crowd. (bottom right) It's always good when the Ags score.



the12thman | facesofaggieland



BRITTANY KOEHL '12 >> AGGIE HOSTESS
COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR >> MIDLAND, TX



In 10 years I'll likely be a mom and a wife.

Why I love A&M: The traditions and the family atmosphere.

Favorite tradition: I would say standing at games, but we get to sit! I love all of the game day traditions.

Movies I can't live without: Braveheart, Titanic and Troy.

Music I can't live without: Britney Spears. I really love her. She is the bomb!

Worst job I have had: Dog sitting when it is raining and the dogs are really scared.

I came to Texas A&M because my sister came here and there was really nowhere else to go. I didn't want to go to Texas Tech – that is like 13th grade for Midland High. I didn't want to go to t.u. – it is too much of a party school.

When I was little, I wanted to be a cowgirl. I thought it would be fun to be on a ranch and take care of horses. I am a little obsessed with horses. If I was in the Corps, I would definitely want to be in the Parson's Mounted Cavalry.

The best part about being a hostess is the nice meals we get before games. We love stuffing our faces! And we get to sit in some good seats too.

Talent I would most like to have: Playing the piano.

Besides the Aggies, my favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys.

I like to spend my weekends relaxing, eating and hanging out with friends.

Dream date: Something original that he sets up while trying to figure out what I would like.

Attribute you like the best about yourself: I'm always happy.

Attribute you like the least about yourself: Sometimes I can have a quick temper, but I just have to take a deep breath, think about things in the big perspective and I'm alright.

If I had more time I would travel all over the world. I've wanted to go to Europe for a long time. I love going to the beach too.

Favorite food: Mexican! Lasagna is a close second.

Five people I would like to have dinner with: Jesus, George Bush (both 41 and 43), Laura Bush and Britney Spears. That's an interesting combination.

Pet peeve: When people swallow really loud.

If I could have a superpower, it would be to be anywhere I wanted at any time. Being invisible would be cool too.

If I won the lottery, the first thing I'd buy is a lake house for my family on lake LBJ.

Texas A&M Cutting Boards



Order Online: www.LifetimeCuttingBoards.com - Officially Licensed

Best Western
Area at Old Town Center

• 100 Guest Rooms
• 4,000 SF of Customizable Meeting Space
• Located 5 Miles From Texas A&M

1920 Austin's Colony Parkway
Bryan, TX 77803
(979) 731-5300
bestwestern.com/atreatatoldtowncenter

Managed By:
THE OLDHAM GOODWIN GROUP LLC
BROKERAGE, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT
www.OldhamGoodwin.com

Tupinamba
Mexican Food Supreme

Catering • Private Parties

12270 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75244
972-991-8148

~Aggie Owned & Operated ~

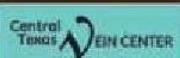
Don't let your veins become a pain...

At Central Texas Vein Center, we specialize in the latest treatment of varicose and spider veins. All treatments are done in the office with little discomfort. Medicare and most insurance plans are accepted.

Call 979-696-VEIN (8346)
today for a consultation

H. Andrew Hansen II, MD '71
1721 Birmingham Dr, Ste. 202
College Station, Texas

www.centraltexasveincenter.com





indigoQ.com

LOCAL ADVERTISING EXPERTS
Are they Finding **YOU?** or **THEM?**

DID YOU KNOW
THERE WERE OVER
9,600,000,000
U.S. INTERNET SEARCHES
IN DECEMBER 2007?*

DID THEY FIND YOU?

Our Clients are on Page One

CALL US AND BE FOUND
888.867.3540

*comScore Jan 2008



Come by and check out our new menu with 30 new items!



Call us for your catering needs



Schedule your next event in our meeting room (seats 60-70 with HD Plasma TV)

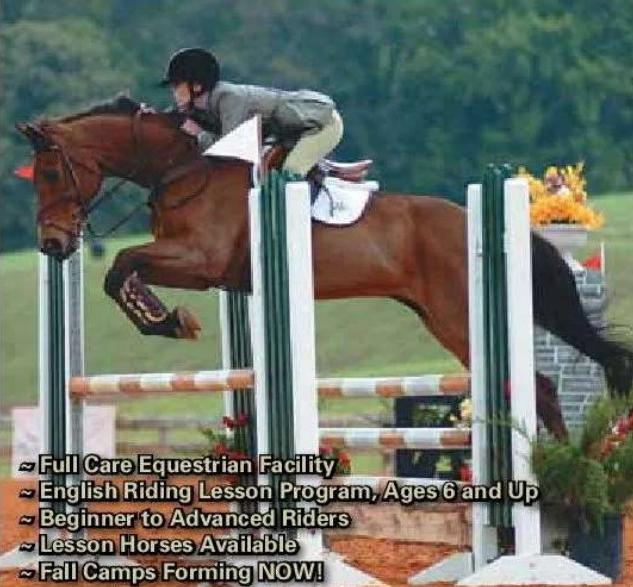
yum yums
TEXAS STYLE

1710 Briarcrest Drive in Bryan • 979-268-9867
www.texasyumyums.com

STEEP HOLLOW FARM

8756 FM 974 ~ Bryan, TX ~ 979-575-3372

HUNTERS ~ JUMPERS ~ EQUITATION



- ~ Full Care Equestrian Facility
- ~ English Riding Lesson Program, Ages 6 and Up
- ~ Beginner to Advanced Riders
- ~ Lesson Horses Available
- ~ Fall Camps Forming NOW!

christian@steephollowfarm.com
www.steephollowfarm.com

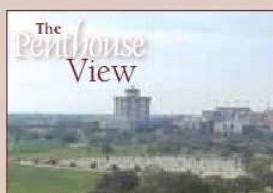
Plaza Hotel & Suites

17 Stories, 300-rooms
3500 Square Foot Penthouse

Located Across From
Texas A&M University



Whether you are hosting a group of friends for a big game party or an intimate gathering, The Penthouse with its unparalleled breathtaking views is the perfect place for any occasion.



410 South Texas Avenue • College Station
(979) 846-4242 • (800) 888-6937 • www.plazacs.com

AN AGGIE FROM THE START

BY KATIE MCCONNELL '09

Jason Bienski is a fourth generation life-long resident of Brazos County. As a multi-generation Aggie, the Spirit of Aggieland was ingrained in him at an early age.

Bienski witnessed first-hand the unique bond that Aggies shared with one another. His father, Pete Bienski Jr., Class of 1968, had a knack for striking up conversations with complete strangers, simply because of the Aggie ring on their finger. He soon realized the impact that being an Aggie could have.

The decision to follow in his family's footsteps was easy, and Texas A&M was his only collegiate choice.

"My father told me that I could go to any college I wanted," Bienski recalled, "but he was only going to help pay for A&M."

One thing was for certain – he wanted to be an Aggie.

"I didn't necessarily know what I wanted to do in college, but I knew I wanted that Aggie ring," he said.

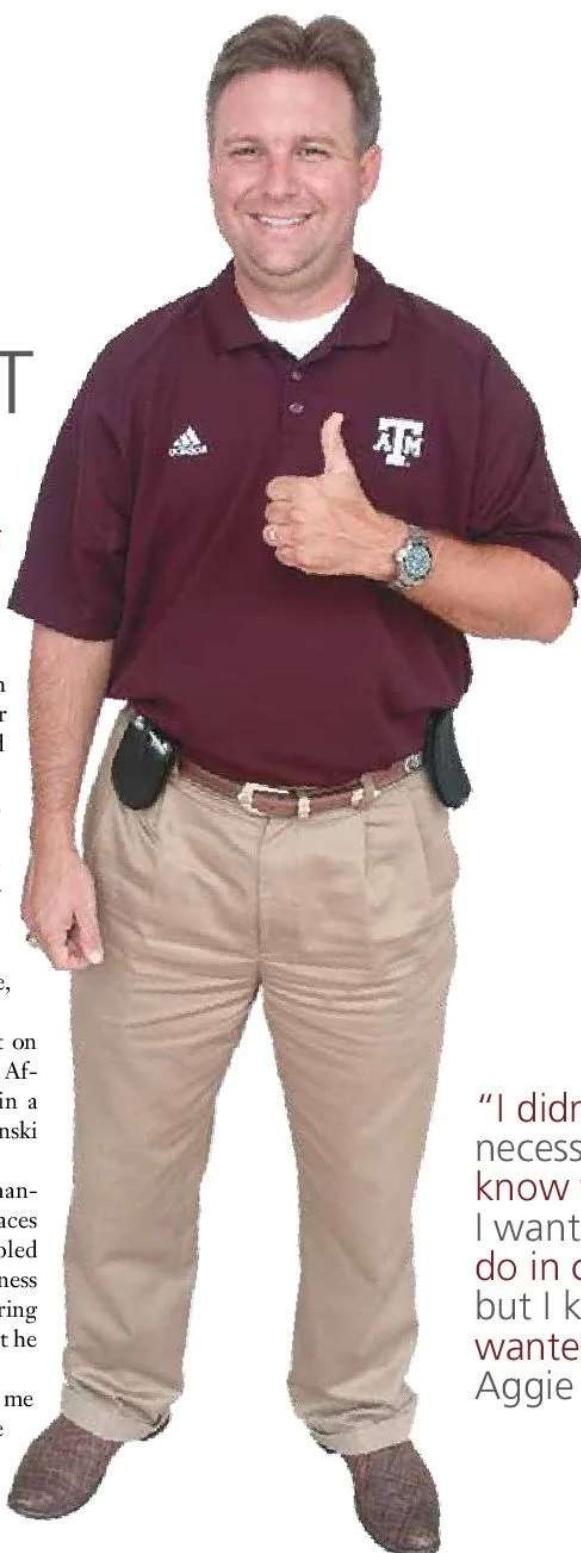
After graduating from Bryan High in 1988, Bienski went on to get his degree (and his ring) from Texas A&M in 1992. After a slight detour to the University of Oklahoma to obtain a three year advanced degree in economic development, Bienski remained in Aggieland.

With a degree in political science and a minor in business management, Bienski had experience in college working for places like Epicures Catering and Tanner Dairy Queens and dabbled in political races and contemplated the funeral home business with his father. He even considered starting his own catering business. But, it wasn't until after prodding from a friend that he began looking into real estate.

"I was living at home at the time and I had a friend tell me I needed to get out on my own or I'd never find a wife," he recalls. "He convinced me to buy a duplex – it wasn't the greatest duplex – but I moved into one side and rented the other side to pay the mortgage. I was hooked."

He took pleasure in knowing that he helped provide a secure foundation for another family – and a roof over their head. Real estate became a family affair after Bienski met and married his wife, Tasha, and she began helping with the business along with several of his brothers.

Today, Bienski is a Realtor for Brazos Land Realty and Properties and owns several real estate and investment companies. He & Tasha have two adorable daughters – Becca (age 7) and Bryn (age 5). With more than 18 years of real estate experience, he specializes in residential, investment, rural and commercial properties in the Brazos Valley.



"I didn't necessarily know what I wanted to do in college, but I knew I wanted that Aggie ring."

While he continues to help families find homes, Bienski is also committed to community service. He has served on dozens of boards for local organizations as well as the Economic Development Director for the Brazos Valley Council of Governments, helping to recruit new businesses to a seven county region. Since 2005, he has also served on the Bryan City Council, where he has served as the Mayor Pro Tem for the past three years.

Family – whether it's his own or one he just met in search of a new home – is the force that drives Bienski, and that is a recipe for success both personally and professionally. ■

old army



ACCIDENTS

N. ANGELA
COLLEGE TAILOR,
MUSIC &
PHYSICIAN.
CONDUCTOR
OF THE
SCHOOL OF
MUSIC &
PHYSICAL EXERCISE.
THE
LARGEST
AND
CLEAREST
THEATRE
IN NEW YORK,
New York City.

New York Cafe
and Restaurant

BRANDON & LAWRENCE
EVERYTHING IN MEN'S LIFE IS

HOLMES BROS.
*Candy Kitchen
Ice Cream Parlor*

UNIVERSITY

CASEY'S

J. M. CALDWELL

THE NEW KLAN
BY FRED JAMESON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
EVERYTHING IN THE NEWS

SCHOOL BY QUARTERS					
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS TEXAS A. AND M. COLLEGE	WICHITA WICHITA	WICHITA WICHITA	WICHITA WICHITA	WICHITA WICHITA	WICHITA WICHITA
TIME OF QUARTERS	1st WICHITA	2nd WICHITA	3rd WICHITA	4th WICHITA	5th WICHITA
OPPONENT	TOWNSHEND GOAL AFTER TOUCHDOWN	TOUCHDOWN FIELD GOAL	TOUCHDOWN SAFETY	TOUCHDOWN FIELD GOAL	TOUCHDOWN SAFETY
J. M. CALDWELL	TRUE JEWELER	TRUE JEWELER	TRUE JEWELER	TRUE JEWELER	TRUE JEWELER
	True Jewelry, Fine and Novel Design, Colors selected for Business Men—Women—Young Girls EVERYTHING IN THE JEWELRY LINE				
	Jewelry WICHITA				
CASEY'S	THE OLD RELIABLE				
	ROT AND COLD DRINKS				
	E. M. C. A. Building				

THE 1919 CAPTAINS



OFFICIALS:
 F. J. McCrory, Vice-Chairman
 Franklin, Secretary
 Franklin, Treasurer
 Franklin, Auditor
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS:
 W. H. Hayes, Director
 L. T. Johnson, Asst. Director
CHASERS:
 L. and M. S. Morris, L. V. Morris, L. M.
 L. Morris, L. A. Morris, C. E. Younce, R. M.

The cover and pages from the 1919 University of Texas vs. Texas A&M football program. The Aggies defeated the Longhorns, 7-0, capping their 10-0 perfect season in which they outscored opponents an astonishing 275 to 0.



Show your Aggie Pride with the NEW Aggie Bucks Unlimited Gold Card

Get your Aggie Bucks Unlimited Gold Card at these banking locations:

Texas A&M University

General Services Complex (GSC)
Student Business Services, 2nd Floor
979-268-3238

University Drive

College Station
321 University Drive
979-691-8366

Southwest Pkwy

College Station
200 Southwest Parkway East
979-776-3424

Rock Prairie

College Station
1801 Rock Prairie Road
979-776-3266

Harvey Mitchell Pkwy

Bryan
501 N. Harvey Mitchell Pkwy
979-821-3120

Briarcrest

Bryan
3000 Briarcrest
979-776-3277

Exclusively for Aggies—the NEW Aggie Bucks Unlimited Gold Card

- Custom-designed debit card just for Texas A&M students
- Make purchases at millions of merchants that accept Visa® debit cards worldwide
- Free access to your cash at 15 Wells Fargo® ATMs in Bryan—College Station and more than 6,900 Wells Fargo ATMs in 23 states

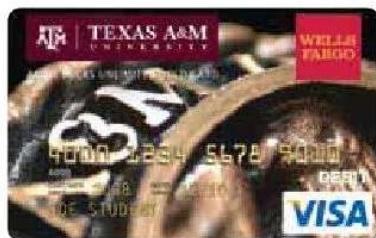
Get your card when you open a FREE Wells Fargo College Checking® account¹

- No monthly service fee
- Direct Deposit of financial aid refunds and/or paychecks
- Wells Fargo MobileSM Banking—banking on the go via text messages or mobile web browser²
- Wells Fargo Online[®] Banking—convenient account access 24/7

For more information about the Aggie Bucks Unlimited Gold Card:

call **(866) 360-3007**

email **TEXASAM@wellsfargo.com**



Aggieland

ILLUSTRATED

PO BOX 6841 • BRYAN, TX 77805-6841
1-866-55-AG-MAG • 979-229-8046
www.aggielandillustrated.com

PRSR STD

U. S. POSTAGE

PAID

PERMIT NO. 16
COLLEGE STATION, TX

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

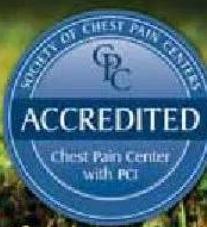
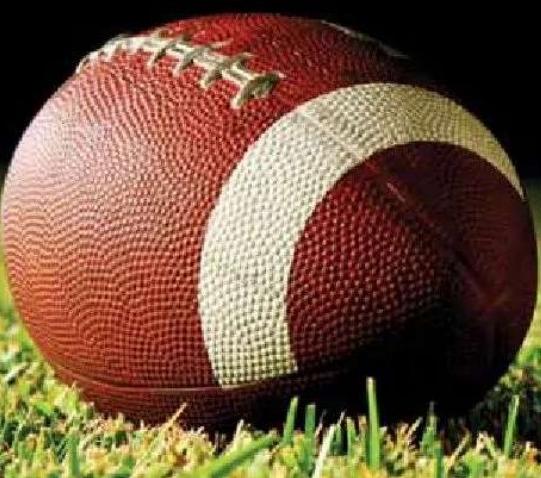
Is it just a close game? Or something more?

THE REGION'S FIRST

CERTIFIED STROKE CENTER & CERTIFIED CHEST PAIN CENTER.

The Heart Pros at St. Joseph

Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio



Accredited Since 2006



Primary Stroke Center

2801 Franciscan Drive • Bryan • 979.776.3777 • www.st-joseph.org

To find out your cardiac risk, go to: www.sjprevention.com